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INTRODUCTION

Federal land policy had its beginnings in English and Colonial law and survey practice. Two basic laws, the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, were passed by the Articles of Confederation Government. In 1812, the General Land Office was founded as an agency of the Treasury, having operated in one or two rooms since 1790 as an integral part of the Department. When the Department of the Interior was created in 1849, the General Land Office was transferred to it. In 1934, the Grazing Service was formed to administer the grazing and wildlife program outlined in the Taylor Grazing Act. Both of these agencies were consolidated in 1946 as the Bureau of Land Management, which inherited the records of its predecessors. "Records of the Bureau of Land Management" therefore means in this inventory, records of each or all of these organizations. In the majority of cases records were continued by the Bureau in their old form, so distinction between organizations is often difficult.

Major structural revisions have only been a part of the constant amendments to both mission and organization resulting from fundamental changes in outlook and policy. In the early days of the Republic the objectives were to satisfy the demand of a rapidly-growing population for more land and to derive revenue. By 1850, the emphasis has shifted to the encouragement of settlement in the more remote parts of the continent and to the development of vital social services, such as railroad transportation systems and public education. By 1900 the present mission of conservation was clearly expressed.

Today the Bureau of Land Management is partially or totally responsible for the administration of mineral resources on about 765 million acres, roughly one-third of the area of the United States. It has exclusive jurisdiction for the management of lands and resources on 453 million acres of this area, sharing responsibility for the rest with other agencies like the Forest Service, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Department of Defense. Responsible for the survey, engineering, inventory, classification, evaluation, administration, development, improvement, conservation and multiple use of public lands and natural resources, the Bureau regulates the use of expendable resources in a manner consistent with their best long-term use and encourages the production of renewable resources at a sustained yield. These resources are divided into six categories: soil, water, minerals, range, forest, and recreation.

Many other organizational and administrative changes have taken place from time to time. Facts of general relevance are given below. Other information is given in the introduction to offices and in the appendixes. The independent position of U. S. Surveyor General was created to oversee and coordinate all surveying in a designated area of district, a principal duty being to let and supervise contracts to private surveyors. The Ordinance of 1785 established the position of Geographer. There was only one incumbent under this title; he held office until the Act of May 18, 1796, created the position of Surveyor General of the Northwest Territory, which was held by several men up to 1825. Surveyors were also appointed for other new areas, holding titles like "Surveyor of Michigan". The Act of May 7, 1822, created the first surveying district, the present State of Ohio, and specified that a district could be a State or Territory, or a combination of two or more of them. In 1836 the position was brought within the structure of the General Land Office, and Surveyors General henceforth reported to the Commissioner. In 1910 the contract system was abolished and a direct system of surveys instituted under a field surveying service. When fiscal economy became a prime emphasis of the 1920's, the position of U. S. Surveyor General was abolished on July 1, 1925, and his duties were assumed by the field surveying service.

The two positions of Register and Receiver were established by the Act of May 10, 1800. The Register was the senior official, and he processed all applications and, until case files were instituted in 1908, recorded all titles in a series of separate registers, one or more for each type of title or claim. The Receiver was the fiscal agent, collecting and accounting for all fees and commissions, often known by his full title "The Receiver of Public Moneys". He kept a set of registers which often duplicated the information recorded by the Register. These officials conducted their business in a U. S. Land Office, and the law specified that up to ten for each State or Territory could be set up as the need arose. The intent here was the mutual convenience of the Government and the people, bringing together seller and buyer in easily accessible locations. This flexibility is amply demonstrated by the fact that over 360 land offices were set up in the 29 public land States (basically those west of the 1763 Proclamation Line and south of the 1819 Treaty Line, except for Texas). The economies of the 1920's saw the abolition of the position of Receiver between 1922 and 1925 (except for two in Alaska), and the closing of 42 of the remaining 84 land offices on July 1, 1925. More offices had been closed by 1933. Today there are about 25. The Register passed from existence with the reorganization of 1946, when he was designated "Manager, District Land Office".

The conservation function has added District Grazing Offices and District Forest Offices to the Bureau's system. As natural conservation became of greater concern, alienation of lands through fraud and inefficiency was recognized as a major ill needing remedy. Widespread and sometimes sensational cases of malfeasance in the early part of this century contributed to the foundation of the Field Division to handle investigations and contests. Responsibility for these functions has been reassigned several times since then.

In 1946 groupings of States were placed under the direction of Regional Administrators. In 1954 Regions were abolished and State Offices, responsible to Area Headquarters, were set up. This was changed again in 1961, when the Area level was abolished and State Offices began to report directly to the Bureau in Washington.

Record-keeping itself has been changed basically twice this century - in 1908 and, again, beginning in 1946. The first change was a general departure from the system of registers and ledgers in favor of the case-file system. The second change, still in progress, is much more far-reaching. After many years of study, the Records Improvement Project was promulgated in 1955. The Project essentially provides for the State-by-State construction of a microfilm file of all source documents and for new status records. When the Project is completed in a State, the old records are retired to a Federal Records Center.

The arrangement and scope of the records listed in this inventory are variable, and it is often difficult to place items in the organizational structure. Records were moved physically whenever changes or divisions in responsibility or function required changes in location. Consequently, unless clear organizational breaks are visible, they are listed under the last office to have control of them. Their organizational ancestry is given wherever possible.

The area which is now California and Nevada was part of the territory ceded to the United States by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (February 2, 1848). California was admitted to statehood on September 9, 1850, without having been first organized as a Territory. Under the established usage of international law, the United States was bound to Mexican governors of California. Accordingly, the Act of March 3, 1851, provided for the establishment of the Board of California Land Claims Commissioners to hear these private claims, as they were called, and for the extinction of the American land system to the public domain - the rest of California. The first Surveyor General of California, to be stationed in San Francisco, was appointed the same day.

was restored once again to California; and in 1866 the Nevada survey district was finally established. In the meantime, the Carson City land office had opened on March 1, 1864, to a deluge of claims and applications.

The National Archives imposes no restrictions on the records of the Bureau of Land Management, but one of its "General Restrictions" does apply: the use of personal investigation files less than 75 years old, whether legal action was intended or not, must be approved by the Bureau. Public Law 487, the "Freedom of Information Act", though it makes accessibility generally easier, does not include several categories of records still restricted under other laws: records dealing with internal personnel rules and practices; investigation files for law enforcement, except to the extent available by law to private parties; and geological and geophysical data, information and maps which relate to wells. The Bureau is reviewing all of its restrictions in the light of PL 487. Most accessions have restrictions placed on them, therefore enquiries should first be made by mail or telephone at the San Francisco Federal Records Center, 100 Harrison Street, telephone 556-3482.

The Bureau of Land Management, because of the nature of its work and the record-keeping system it employs, still retains some of the oldest records in offices throughout the two States and in Washington. If a researcher is seeking information at the Center about a particular case, for example, he should first obtain the case from one of the indexes in Sacramento or Reno.²

² 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95825 Telephone 916-481-6100
300 Booth Street, Reno, Nevada 89502 Telephone 702-784-5452

³ See Preliminary Inventory No. 22, compiled by Henry P. Yoshpe and Philip P. Brower, "Preliminary Inventory of the Land-Entry Papers of the General Land Office" (1949); Special List No. 19, compiled by Laura E. Kelsay, "List of Cartographic Records of the General Land Office" (1964; available at The National Archives); and "Preliminary Inventory of the Records of the Bureau of Land Management" (1966), compiled by Gilbert Dorame (available at the Federal Records Center, Bell [Los Angeles], California).

⁴ The remarks in this introduction are amplified in, "Resource for Historians: Records of the Bureau of Land Management in California and Nevada," Forest History (Yale), XII (July, 1968), 20-26, 43.

COPIES OF OFFICIAL FIELD NOTES OF INDIAN RESERVATION SURVEYS.

1857-1897. 150 cu. in.

For reservations throughout California. Photostats from the originals; undated and uncertified. Unarranged.

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COPIES OF OFFICIAL FIELD NOTES OF NATIONAL PARK SURVEYS. 1883; 1902; 1905. 285 cu. in.

Photostats from the originals; undated and uncertified. Survey of the Yosemite Grant (Hanson, 1883); surveys of Yosemite National Park (Hopper, 1902; Walher, 1905). See item 38 for notes of other surveys. Chronological order within each year's survey.

7

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO SURVEYS OF MERIDIANS AND BASE LINES.

1852-1853. 20 cu. in.

Two letters from Henry Washington, Deputy Surveyor, to the U.S. Surveyor General in San Francisco describing progress on the surveys of the Humbolt and San Bernardino Meridians and Base Lines. Photostats dated June 5, 1923.

8

CADASTRAL SURVEY GROUP REGISTER ("GROUP BOOK"). 1915-1926. 1 vol. 365 cu. in.

A chronological record of correspondence and events for Groups 1 through 247. "Groups" are arbitrary divisions of the public domain into working units which allow surveying to be done systematically over a period of years. The files to which this register relates are described in item 39.

9

PRESS COPIES OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE MINERAL SURVEY ("ORDER FOR MINERAL SURVEY"). 1906-1921. 3 vols. 700 cu. in.

Duplicates of Form 4-682. The original, sent to U.S. Deputy Mineral Surveyors in field offices, assigned the survey number in date order to the mining claim and finally became part of the case file. An effective index to the mineral survey case files described in item 41. See also item 11.

10

PRESS COPIES OF "REPORT OF APPROVAL - MINERAL SURVEY". 1912-1921. 2 vols. 280 cu. in.

Chronological order. Duplicates of Form 4-286, which according to its letterhead, ". . . must invariably be used by the Surveyor-General in advising the General Land Office and the appropriate local land office of the approval of a mineral survey." Another index (see item 10) to the mineral survey case files, item 41, each of which contains a copy of the Report of Approval.

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REGIONAL OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO (REGION II)

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

The reorganization of 1946 established the San Francisco regional office as headquarters for California and Nevada. When Regions were abolished and State Offices were created in 1954, the files of the San Francisco office were transferred to the Sacramento State Office, where they were continued (see item 36). "Correspondence" includes reports, statistical breakdowns, plans, circulars, legal opinions, decisions, drafts of articles and speeches, minutes of meetings, and related papers of a general or technical nature.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1947-1951. 11 ft.

Coded files containing correspondence between offices at all levels, arranged by subject. There are a few items of an unofficial nature.

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BRANCH OF LAND CLASSIFICATION AND PLANNING

The Branch of Land Classification and Planning was the successor to several agencies which handled contest and investigation matters. Land offices performed these duties for themselves until the Field Division was created in 1906. The Field Division existed until 1933, when it was re-formed as the Division of Investigations of the Department of the Interior. Here the scope of activity was considerably broadened to include all investigations within the Department, though no files unrelated to General Land Office business were retained in the land office series. From 1942 to 1946, investigations were again confined to land office matters alone, under the Branch of the Field Examination of the General Land Office. In 1946 the Branch of Land Classification and Planning was established under the control of the Regional Office. All of these offices were located in San Francisco. With the reorganization of 1954 these functions were transferred to Sacramento, under the Division of Land and Mineral Program Management and Land Office (see items 44-60).

The records described in items 17 through 35 are a good example of the way files are continued by successor organizations - no clear organizational breaks are possible in this group. Until the reorganization of 1946 it was the practice to arrange files in numerical order without regard to the type of investigation or contest. Each file has a docket sheet (Form 4-219 or the later version, Form 1-294)

especially to legal questions and actions. Many marked "Confidential - Nor for Public Inspection". Most of them are bound in the volumes in chronological order. Not indexed.

18

INDEXES TO RECLAMATION AND POWER RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES.
1927-1941. 3 ft.

5 x 8 cards relating to mining claims only. Boulder Canyon Project, Nevada and Arizona, 1927-1934, 2 ft., alphabetically by mine name, with a miscellaneous group arranged by section; Colorado River Project, 1934-1937, 280 cu. in., by township and range for each of four subsidiary projects; Central Valley Project, 1936-1941, 1 ft., incomplete, alphabetically by mine name; Grand Coulee Reservoir, 1936-1937, 320 cu. in., Washington - Stevens and Ferry counties mainly, arranged numerically by tract ("closed tracts #742-2207"). See item 20.

19

RECLAMATION AND POWER RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1927-1948.
21 ft.

Conducted with the cooperation of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Agriculture. Boulder Canyon Reclamation Project, Nevada and Arizona, 1927-1932, 4 ft.; Colorado River Project, 1934-1937, 2 ft., arranged by subsidiary project; Central Valley Reclamation Project, 1935-1946, 8 ft.; Coulee Dam Project, 1935-1937, 2 ft.; Davis Dam Project, Nevada and Arizona, 1937-1948, 5 ft.; Coachella Valley Project, 1945-1946, 400 cu. in. See item 19 for indexes.

20

INDEXES TO MILITARY RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1941-1945. 3 ft.

5 x 8 cards. For the "War Department Reserve" only. Two indexes: alphabetically by name of contestant; mining claims alphabetically by mine name, incomplete. See item 22.

21

MILITARY RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1939-1945. 20 ft.

"War Department Reserve", 1939-1945 (principally 1940-1941), 14 ft.; Muroc Bombing Area, 1939-1943, 6 ft.; Camp Marr (Barstow, California), 1941-1943, 750 cu. in. See item 21 for indexes.

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NATIONAL MONUMENT RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1940-1945. 17 ft.
Joshua Tree National Monument.

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RANGE RESERVE CONTEST CASE FILES. 1937-1942. 2 ft.
Squaw Butte Experiment Station.

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RECREATION AREA CONTEST CASE FILES. 1942-1945. 2 ft.

Medford, Oregon, 1 ft.; Marysville, California, 400 cu. in.;
Ruck-A-Chucky, California, 850 cu. in.

25

PRESS COPIES OF HEARINGS ON SWAMP AND OVERFLOW LAND CLAIMS.

1910-1917. 2 vols. 600 cu. in.

26

Transcripts of statements pertaining to contests between
California and the United States. Many of the witnesses were
pioneer settlers. Chronological order.

HEARING IN THE CASE U.S. vs. U.S. BORAX COMPANY ("LITTLE PLACER").

1942-1947. 1350 cu. in.

27

An examination of the allegation that the U. S. Borax Company
was in reality a British subsidiary, and hence not eligible to use
public lands. Investigation DI#12935, Contest #5700. Chronological
order.

INVESTIGATION FILES AND EXHIBITS IN THE CASE U.S. vs SOUTHERN
PACIFIC RAILROAD. 1898-1916. 2 vols. 1 ft.

28

Two albums of black and white photographs, with correspondence
relating to the identification of the original photographer, Frank
S. Aston. Album 1: Oil wells, 1898-1899, Kern River, Oil City
(Coalinga), McKittrick, Kreighnegen (Coalinga); 135 8 x 10 photo-
graphs indexed by name of company and location. Marked "Ex. No. 1."
Album 2: Oil-bearing lands and formations in Southern California;
384 3½ x 5 photographs, indexed. Marked "Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 541.
U.S. Dist. Ct., So. Dist. of Calif., No. Div., #46 Civil, U.S. vs
So. Pacific Co., et al. June 28th., 1916." The investigation files
are a number of large envelopes of reports and statements (1900-1913)
apparently used in "Equity Suit #221". That case related to mineral
lands east of McKittrick (T30S, R23E, MDM).

INVESTIGATIONS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION, EVALUATION AND ADMINISTRATION
OF THE TAYLOR GRAZING ACT (1934). 1928-1939. 4 ft.

This law, which regulates grazing on the public domain in all the
Western States, brought immediate and widespread changes when it was
promulgated. These files begin with reports and other data accum-
ulated on two pilot projects (one in California, one in Montana)
conducted before the passage of the Act, and continue with depositions,
reports, contest case hearings, correspondence, maps, circulars, and
other publications relating to the evaluation and surveillance of the
scheme throughout the West. Case files (applications) and materials
for Oregon are particularly voluminous.

INVESTIGATIONS OF OIL ENTRIES. 1909-1945. 6 ft.

Correspondence, reports, lists, case files, indexes, investigations, plats and diagrams covering the Western United States. Four feet relate to fraud investigations and criminal proceedings during the years 1935-1945. The remainder are reports on vacant lands, patented entries, and U. S. reserves for the years 1909-1929, and other investigations, 1915-1938.

30

MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS. 1900-1946. 20 ft.

All types of investigations are included, and they cover all of the Western States. The main categories are contest, (e.g., Indian lands, oil, homestead, and trespass), timber trespass, fraud (mail, income tax), land classification, right-of-way, reservation project, review of Title Abstractors' qualifications, surveyors' bond renewals, research and analytical studies, grazing studies, applications to practice as attorney, and fifty per cent donation purchases for national park areas. FD#2777; FD#5572-43320; DI#31-32334.

31

INDEX OF CASES RECEIVED. 1920-1927. 1 Vol. 540 cu. in.

Loose-leaf ledger (Form 4-148b) containing record of cases received for investigation in California and Nevada by the San Francisco Field Division. Numerical order.

32

WORKING FILES OF S. E. GUTHREY, FIELD EXAMINER. 1939-1945. 1 ft.

Notes unarranged within report folders. Note books, correspondence, assays, maps, contest case reports. Nine envelopes: General Grant Park (Central Valley); Eagle Mountain Iron Mines (Joshua Tree); Notes and data, Wm. F. Keys contest cases; Appraisal of lands, Joshua Tree National Monument; Notes, Joshua Tree National Monument; Anti-Aircraft Reserve; Squaw Butte Claims; McCloud, Hearst Ranch; Hearings, Roseberg, Oregon (1937). Note books: "Golden Key Mining Co. & A. Knapp Misc."

33

INDEX OF DEFENDANTS IN LAND CASES. 1902-1916. 1425 cu. in.

Fraud and trespass involving timber, grazing, and unlawful enclosure, San Bernardino and Humbolt Meridians. 5 x 8 cards. Two indexes: by section, township and range; alphabetically by name of defendant. Unreliable; incomplete and out of order.

34

INDEXES TO OREGON LAND CASES. ca. 1890-1902. 270 cu. in.

3 x 5 cards arranged alphabetically by name of claimant. Two indexes: "Oregon Lumber Co.", ca. 1890-1902, 75 cu. in; coded index identifying each functionary in land cases, with key to the code, ca. 1909, 195 cu. in.

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CALIFORNIA STATE OFFICE, SACRAMENTO

OFFICE OF THE STATE DIRECTOR

Successor to the Office of the Regional Administrator in San Francisco (see item 16), the Office of the State Director was established in 1954. Until 1961 it was under Area Headquarters in Portland, Oregon. Since then it has reported directly to Washington.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1937-1966. 39 ft.

Arranged alphabetically by subject to 1962; coded from 1963. Correspondence between all levels, covering all programs and activities of the Bureau. A small amount, designated "confidential", deals with complaints, investigations and inspections.

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DIVISION OF ENGINEERING, BRANCH OF CADASTRAL SURVEYS

The Branch of Cadastral Surveys of the Division of Engineering, which is part of the Sacramento State Office structure, is another organization which has inherited the functions and records of several prior agencies. As with the records of the Branch of Land Classification and Planning (items 17-35), there are few clear organizational breaks.

Survey matters were handled by the U. S. Surveyor General until July, 1925, and these records are a continuation of those described in items 1 through 12. From 1925 to 1948 survey functions were carried on by the Public Survey Office, located in San Francisco, 1925-1932, and in Glendale, 1932-1948. The Division of Cadastral Engineering in San Francisco assumed the functions from 1948 to 1954, when they passed to the Branch of Cadastral Surveys.

CIRCULARS AND INSTRUCTIONS. 1870-1945. 7 vols. 3 ft.

Indexed; seven bound volumes in poor condition, and four files of loose sheets. Circulars in volume numbered continuously in chronological order; circulars in files in chronological order without numbers. Style of indexing indicates that this was done by one person. The value of these records lies in their age and completeness. They were apparently collected and carried around by A.C. Horton, Jr., during his career as a cadastral engineer, and they are of composite origin. The circulars for the period 1870-1925 originated in the offices of the U.S. Surveyors General in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona; many of the earliest ones are handwritten and many more are signed by the Commissioner. From 1925 through 1933 the circulars were collected in the Public Survey Offices in Phoenix and San Francisco; and from 1933 through 1945 they were collected in the Public Survey Office in Glendale. Horton presumably took possession of the Surveyor General portion. After 1925, many have his name on them as the original recipient.

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OFFICIAL FIELD NOTES OF NATIONAL FOREST AREA SURVEYS. 1904-1906. 1200 cu. ins.

Official field notes, pocket field tablets, maps, drawings, and related correspondence for the surveys of the Santa Barbara National Forest (Wm. H. Thorn, November 28, 1904 - January 11, 1906, with small amount of correspondence to 1927), and the San Jacinto National Forest (Francis E. Joy, November 30, 1904 - May 15, 1905, with small amount of correspondence to 1936; two sets of notes, 312 pages each). Chronological order. See also, item 7.

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CADASTRAL SURVEY GROUP CASE FILES. 1904-1962. 14 ft.

Arranged by groups; groups 1-406, with gaps. Authority, instructions, reports, correspondence, and related papers for surveys of the public domain. During the time a survey group is active, and for a time after its close, the group-survey file serves as an administrative working record. See item 9 for definition of "Group", and register for groups 1-247.

39

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAT SURVEY CASE FILES. 1954-1963. 1 ft.

Correspondence, arranged by township, range and meridian, relating to the authority for and the administration of re-surveys; HM, MDM, SBM. A re-survey may be undertaken to correct an error or deficiency, or to re-evaluate a specified area for some such purpose as a right-of-way or national forest area.

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MINERAL SURVEY CASE FILES. 1906-1965. 20 ft.

Filed in numerical order; MS#1459-6648. In envelopes up to 1925; in flat folders thereafter. For California and Nevada. Includes two small bundles, 200 cu. in. each: "Segregation and misc.", and "obsolete MS Appls.", both arranged alphabetically without numbers. Each case file contains the record for a specific mineral survey consisting of applications, location certificate, order for mineral survey (see item 10), preliminary plat of survey (see item 11), final certificate of field notes, notice of survey approval correspondence, reports, and other related papers.

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NATIONAL FOREST HOMESTEAD ENTRY SURVEY CASE FILES. 1908-1928.

1 ft.

In numerical order; HES#37-273, 291-294; for all California. Compiled in cooperation with the local U. S. Forest Service office (USDA). From time to time tracts enclosing homesteads were declared national forest areas. In such cases, affected homesteads were surveyed to determine their validity.

42

FOREST SERVICE EXCHANGE SURVEY CASE FILES. 1929-1934. 75 cu. in.

Three cases, numbers 317, 318 and 320; California. Surveyed to transfer lands to the U. S. Forest Service.

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DIVISION OF LAND AND MINERAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND LAND OFFICE

The Division is the successor to the Branch of Land Classification and Planning, San Francisco (items 17-35), whose records it continues. It was established under the Sacramento State Office in 1954.

Land Entry Serial Case Files, (items 49-50): These case files document most individual actions and transactions affecting the use or disposal of public domain lands and their resources. Each application is assigned an individual number and originates a case file under that number. All correspondence, reports, legal opinions, leases, permits, maps, plats, diagrams, and other papers become part of the file. Applications are either requests for a lease or permit for the use of lands and their resources, or for outright conveyance of title from the United States to the applicant. If an application results in the conveyance of title, a patent is issued and the serially numbered case is then filed under the patent number (item 49). The remainder of the files, by far the majority of them, are withdrawn, cancelled, expired, suspended, and other cases for which no patent has been issued and for which a lease or permit may or may not have been issued (item 50). Specifically excluded from

serial number assignment are: timber sales, permits, and leases (item 57); grazing permits and licenses, except for some "Section 15" leases (item 59); and certain rights-of-way.

A land entry case file might have an active life of less than a day of one that extends more than fifty years. Rights-of-way cases in particular are of great longevity. Some case files are voluminous; others have one or two leaves only. No California files were retired to this Center before 1957, thus all of them have been received from the Bureau's Division of Land and Mineral Program Management and Land Office in Sacramento. Inactive case files are retired to the Center once a year. This means that each accession contains files begun as early as 1908, the year when the case file system was introduced. Each series is therefore composed of several batches, and the indexes maintained in Sacramento must be consulted by those wishing to use the files.

Contest Case Files (Items 51-55): These are a continuation of items 19 through 28. Most continue to be mineral determinations, but the practice has been established of assigning a contest number to all files. See page 10 for a definition of "contest".

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1947-1965. 12 ft.

Part arranged alphabetically by subject; part decimal coded. Several sequences covering varying time spans indicate that records have been retired when no longer needed, rather than by date.

44

DAILY WORK REPORTS. 1951; 1961. 600 cu. in.

4½ x 8 slips arranged chronologically by name. Daily Work Reports are diaries of field examiners' activities. Only the records of every tenth year, ending in "1", are kept for future references.

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RAILROAD SELECTION LISTS ("CLEARLISTS"). 1866-1941. 8 ft.

About 370 lists arranged numerically by land office. Bodie, #1-3; Independence, #1-36; Marysville, #4-23, 25-27, 30A, 33, 35, 37; Redding, #1-75 (#18, 45, 48 missing); Sacramento, #1-121 (#8, 85, 94, 116 missing); San Francisco, #1-2, 34 only; Stockton, #1-18, 24, 30-32, 34; Susanville, #3-5; Visalia, #1-92 (#58 missing). Also includes: annotated map (1860); routine correspondence; suspended lists of lands denied because of existing rights-of-way; "List of claims abandoned in Favor of CPRR Co", which shows information on settlement dating back to about 1854; notes and traverse showing connection from "Terminal Point" to Public Land Survey, Clear Lake

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Railway; list of railroad lands in which the presence of minerals was disproved during the year 1885. The lists were filed in the nearest land office, in lieu of patents, under the authority of the various railroad land-grant laws of the nineteenth century.

INDEX TO CALIFORNIA STATE LAND SELECTIONS. 1907-1917. 1 ft.

5 x 8 cards filed by township, range and meridian (HM, MDM, SBM). States selected land by filing lists in the local land office. California State Land Selection Lists, to which this index refers, remain in the custody of the Division. 47

INDEX TO PATENTED LAND ENTRY SERIAL CASE FILES. 1953-1962.

70 cu. in.

List of "Patented Cases Sent to Washington". See item 49. 48

PATENTED LAND ENTRY SERIAL CASE FILES. 1964-1966. 12 ft.

Cases closed 1964-1966. For all types of land entry; initiated in all District Offices in California. Arranged by fiscal year and patent number. Earlier patented case files are in the National Archives in Washington. See item 48. 49

UNPATENTED LAND ENTRY SERIAL CASE FILES. 1904-1967. 328 ft.

Files begun in the older land offices throughout the State were re-numbered and are part of a single numerical series, 1-080, 256, closed June 30, 1966. A new series beginning with "S1" was started on July 1, 1966; the first of these has been received at the Center. Individual accessions are arranged in numerical order by prefix (whole numbers followed by the new "S" series); numbers assigned by date and time of official filing. The key to the codes which follow the item headings parenthetically is found in Appendix "A", page 54. 50

Homestead (1.0). 1909-1965. 4 ft.

Desert Land (2.0). 1920-1965. 3 ft.

Public Sales (3.0). 1913-1966. 27 ft.

Mineral (4.0). 1904-1967. 10 ft.

Selections (6.0). 1909-1964. 3 ft.

Exchanges (7.0). 1927-1966. 4 ft.

Other Land Title Transfers (8.0). 1916-1967. 12 ft.

Especially "Indian Allotments".

Small Tract (9.0). 1940-1966. 43 ft.

Other Non-Mineral Leases (11.0). 1963-1964. 35 cu. in.
One case only: airport lease.

Oil and Gas (12.0 through 14.0). 1918-1967. 144 ft.

Index of Applicants for Oil and Gas Entries. 1942-1945.
850 cu. in. 5 x 8 cards arranged alphabetically by name
of individual. For California, Nevada, New Mexico,
Arizona, Wyoming, Utah.

Other Mineral Permits and Leases (15.0). 1946-1966. 2 ft.
Includes coal, potassium, phosphate, sodium and hardrock.

Rights-of-way (17.0). 1906-1967. 19 ft.

Other Non-Mineral Permits ("Special Land Use Permits"; 20.0).
1947-1966. 2 ft.

Non-Mineral Material Sales ("Resource Sales"; 22.2).
1916-1967. 4 ft.
Mainly "Timber Sales". Also includes some "Free Use"
classified as Mineral Material Sales (22.1).

Withdrawals and Reservations (23.1); Revocations and Restora-
tions (23.2). 1929-1964. 2 ft.

Mineral Trespass (25.2). 1938-1955. 600 cu. in.

Recreation and Public Purposes Sales (26.0); Recreation and
Public Purposes Leases (33.0). 1929-1966. 3 ft.

Surface Management (27.1 and 27.2). 1946-1966. 8 ft.

Public Laws 357, 359, and 585 (28.0). 1946-1966. 6 ft.

Section 15 Grazing Leases. 1934-1965. 21 ft.
Serial numbers assigned. A Section 15 lease is one which
lies outside a grazing district.

Mixed Oil and Gas Permits and Leases (12.0 through 14.0) and
Mineral Title Transfers (4.0). 1938-1957. 10 ft.

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| INDEXES TO RECLAMATION AND POWER RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1955-1963. 3 ft. | <u>51</u> |
| Seven boxes of 3 x 5 cards, 1 ft. ("Claims", #1-3, "Locators", #4-7). The remainder is correspondence and other related papers. See item 52. | |
| RECLAMATION AND POWER RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1926-1967. 73 ft. Arranged in case number order. San Gabriel Damsite, 1926-1929, 850 cu. in.; Central Valley, 1938-1954, 1 ft.; Joshua Tree National Monument and Angeles National Forest, mixed, 1939-1945, 850 cu. in.; Isabella Dam, 1949-1952, 5 ft.; Pine Flat Reservoir, 1949-1952, 8 ft.; Folsom Reservoir, 1950-1952, 225 cu. in.; Trinity Project, 1955-1967, 58 ft. See item 51 for indexes. | <u>52</u> |
| MILITARY RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1938-1941. 1200 cu. in. Muroc (Edwards A.F.B.) only. With a small amount of correspondence and work papers. | <u>53</u> |
| NATIONAL PARK RESERVATION CONTEST CASE FILES. 1941-1959. 850 cu. in. Kings Canyon National Park. Includes a small amount of correspondence. Numerical order. | <u>54</u> |
| OTHER CONTEST CASE FILES. 1939-1966. 18 ft. "Mineral Location" and civil action cases. Numerical order. | <u>55</u> |
| INVESTIGATIONS OF OIL ENTRIES. 1962-1965. 225 cu in. Two cases: investigations of possible fraud or collusion. | <u>56</u> |
| TIMBER SALES CASE FILES. 1960-1966. 2 ft. Filed alphabetically by name of contractor. Each file contains the application, approval of application, contract, copies of payment vouchers, reports on cutting and performances, correspondence and other related papers. | <u>57</u> |
| REFORESTATION REHABILITATION CONTRACTS. 1960-1965. 1 ft. Filed alphabetically by name of contractor. Files contain such material as tree planting contracts and related correspondence. | <u>58</u> |
| GRAZING PERMIT AND LICENCE CASE FILES. 1961-1965. 100 cu. in. Filed alphabetically by name. Cases to which no serial number has been assigned. Issued under section 3 or 15 of the Taylor Grazing Act. Each file contains an application, permit or license, cancellations, rejections, land description and status, investigation reports, and carrying capacity tabulations. | <u>59</u> |

RANGE IMPROVEMENT AND SOIL AND MOISTURE CONSERVATION CASE FILES.
1941-1966. 1080 cu. in.

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Originally from the Reno Range Survey Office. Filed by case number. A project case file contains such material as the project proposal, cooperative agreement, advisory board opinion or recommendation, specifications, cost estimates and reports, inspection reports, and related correspondence and papers. These project files are of continuing value since an analysis of the information in them may affect the values and uses of the land.

REDDING DISTRICT OFFICE

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1951-1964. 3 ft. Arranged alphabetically
by subject.

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SECTION 15 GRAZING LEASE CASE FILES. 1934-1966. 8 ft.

Assigned Sacramento serial case numbers; filed alphabetically
by name of lessee, or by serial number. Most files have been
consolidated with investigation files (DI or SF numbers). A
Section 15 lease is one which lies outside a grazing district.

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RANGE IMPROVEMENT AND SOIL AND MOISTURE CONSERVATION CASE FILES.
1942-1961. 25 cu. in.

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One case: "California 65-Project, Mt. Hebron Seeding."
See item 60 for description.

SUSANVILLE DISTRICT OFFICE

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1938-1966. 13 ft.

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Mostly coded files. Contains a large number of case files
arranged under correspondence subject code numbers; mineral material
sales; range management; range control and improvement; reforesta-
tio contracts; grazing permits; and fire, grazing and timber trespass.

DAILY WORK REPORTS. 1941; 1951. 175 cu. in.

4 x 7 slips arranged chronologically by name. See item 45
for description.

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| "TIMBER TRESPASS DOCKET". 1903-1906. 110 cu. in. 1 vol. Contains six entries for Wisconsin, 1903-1904; seven entries for California, 1904-1906. Lists: Name and Address of Trespasser; Location of Trespass; Date of Trespass; Amount of Timber; Propositions of Settlement; Remarks. | <u>66</u> |
| SECTION 15 GRAZING LEASE CASE FILES. 1937-1959. 300 cu. in. Nine cases filed alphabetically by name of lessee; serial numbers assigned. A Section 15 lease is one which lies outside a grazing district. | <u>67</u> |
| OTHER NON-MINERAL PERMITS ("SPECIAL LAND USE PERMITS"). 1952-1964. 200 cu. ins. Seven land entry case files (20.0). | <u>68</u> |
| TIMBER SALES CASE FILES. 1945-1964. 3 ft. Arranged alphabetically by name of contractor or by contract number. See item 57 for description. | <u>69</u> |
| GRAZING PERMIT AND LICENCE CASE FILES. 1935-1966. 4 ft. No serial numbers; arranged alphabetically by name. See item 59 for description. | <u>70</u> |
| RANGE IMPROVEMENT AND SOIL AND MOISTURE CONSERVATION CASE FILES. 1935-1962. 1 ft. Arranged by case number. "Abandoned projects" and "never started". See item 60 for description. | <u>71</u> |
| UKIAH DISTRICT OFFICE | |
| GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1958-1962. 1 ft. Arranged alphabetically by subject. | <u>72</u> |
| SECTION 15 GRAZING LEASE CASE FILES. 1936-1965. 3 ft. Assigned Sacramento serial case numbers; filed alphabetically by name of lessee. A Section 15 lease is one which lies outside a grazing district. | <u>73</u> |
| INDEX TO LEASES ("DOCKET CARDS"). 1934-1954. 80 cu. ins. 5 x 8 cards. For leases sent to the Center by the Sacramento office in 1959. | <u>74</u> |

RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS AND ROAD EASEMENTS. 1951-1961. 1 ft.

Case files without serial numbers; filed alphabetically by name of lessee.

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TIMBER SALES CASE FILES. 1951-1959. 3 ft.

Applications and contracts maintained separately in alphabetical order by name of contractor. See item 57 for description.

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RANGE IMPROVEMENT AND SOIL AND MOISTURE CONSERVATION CASE FILES.

1941-1960. 450 cu. ins.

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Arranged by case number. See item 60 for description.

RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, NEVADA

OFFICE OF THE U.S. SURVEYOR GENERAL, RENO

The first office of the U. S. Surveyor General was opened in Carson City in 1861, while Nevada was still a Territory. There it remained for about a year before it was closed and its duties and records transferred to the California district. The office was re-opened in 1866 in Virginia City, and was transferred to Reno in 1882. In July, 1925, the position of U. S. Surveyor General was abolished.

COPIES OF LETTERS SENT ("LETTER BOOK 'A'"). 1861-1869. 1 vol.
300 cu. ins.

"Nevada. Vol. 1."; longhand, 444 pages. Chronological order. Correspondence of the first four Surveyors General in Nevada Territory and State: John W. North (July 2, 1861 - July 17, 1862, pp. 1-82); W. B. Thornburgh (November 16, 1866 - May 17, 1867, pp. 83-91); A. P. K. Safford, (May 18, 1867 - May 19, 1869, pp. 92-350); T. D. Parkinson, Chief Clerk (May 23, 1869 - June 24, 1869, pp. 351-357); E. S. Davis (June 30, 1869 - December 23, 1869, pp. 358-444). North's letters are of particular interest: The first Federal official to arrive in the Territory, his comments on the country and the settlers are extensive. Land survey was urgently needed because of conflicts that arose over grants under the rather vague Mormon laws which had prevailed when the Territory was part of Utah (Carson County). North's last letter indicates that the Surveyor General's Office (which was in Carson City during his tenure) was closed and the duties and records transferred to the Surveyor General in San Francisco. When the office re-opened in 1866 it was located in Virginia City.

PRESS COPIES OF LETTERS SENT. 1896; 1910-1920. 10 vols. 1 ft.

Arranged chronologically and indexed alphabetically by name, with brief description of subject. Fragmentary: numbered Vols "V" (1896), 51 ("K"), 59, 66, 70, 76, 90-92, 105; also numbered 219 through 228 respectively. All volumes marked "General", except 90 ("GLO, Wash"). 91 ("Public Land"), and 105 ("Min. Surveyors" in the field).

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U.S. LAND OFFICE, CARSON CITY

The Carson City land office was established in 1864 and was closed in 1949. It absorbed the Aurora office (1868-1873), and then was ordered closed and its records transferred to Eureka in 1884 - an order that does not appear ever to have been carried out, since the office continued to do business. In 1894 it absorbed Eureka, which had itself taken over all of the other Nevada offices by 1877, and became the only land office in the State. An office was re-opened in Elko in 1914; that was closed in 1927 and consolidated with Carson City. When the office closed in 1949 the functions and records were transferred to the Nevada Land Office (see items 165-187). The position of Receiver was abolished on July 1, 1925. The Register became a Manager with the reorganization of 1946.

Items 80 through 142 exemplify the rather complex series of registers, ledgers and other documents kept by Registers and Receivers before 1908. Along with the plats of survey retired by the Nevada Land Office in Reno (items 166-175), they are the records retired to the Federal Records Center upon completion of the Records Improvement Project.

The Carson City office frequently combined records of the offices it absorbed with its own, and it accordingly contains records of other offices bound in the same volume or set of volumes. Also included here are records of offices other than of Carson City, if two or more such offices are contained in the same volume, and volumes not identifiable as to origin, designated "Carson City assumed". To preserve organizational cohesion, two items which were actually part of the Reno office records for a few years have been included in this group. These are tract books (items 104 and 108), which were used in Reno mainly for the Records Improvement Project; they more appropriately belong to Carson City, since little was added to them in Reno.

PRESS COPIES OF RECEIVER'S LETTERS SENT. 1864-1872; 1880-1890.
3 vols. 400 cu. ins.

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Not indexed. Chronological order. The first volume begins on January 20, 1864, and includes accounts of the preparation for the opening of the land office on March 1.

PRESS COPIES OF REGISTER'S LETTERS SENT. 1868-1877; 1881-1883;
1923-1926. 16 vols. 1 ft.

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All indexed except one volume (1881-1883). Chronological order. Eight volumes to 1883 include letters sent to the Commissioner. The remaining eight volumes (1923-1926) are marked "Misc." and are numbered 53, 56, and 60 through 65. Press copies discontinued May 1, 1926.

"RECEIVER'S MONTHLY ACCOUNTS." 1886-1908. 2 vols. 600 cu. ins.
Chronological order. For fees and commissions collected.
See also item 95.

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"RECEIVER'S RECORD OF FEE STATEMENTS." 1886-1908. 1 vol.
430 cu. ins.

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Chronological order. "To accompany Receiver's Monthly Account" (item 94). For fees and commissions received for pre-emption, homestead, and other declarations; mining applications; homestead entries; final homestead proofs; timber-culture entries; final timber-culture proofs; Military Land Bounty Warrants; Agricultural College Scrip; private land-claim scrip; and railroad and other selections. An accurate abstract of the various types of entry which gives entry numbers, total numbers of entries by category, and fees levied.

"DETAILED ACCOUNT OF FEES." 1892-1908. 1 vol. 215 cu. ins.

Chronological order. ". . . for reducing testimony to writing . . . examining and approving testimony . . . and making transcripts of records, plats, diagrams, etc. . . . and for allowing entries under the Timber Lands Act of June 3, 1878 . . ." Column Headings: Date; Name of Entryman; Under what Provision of Law; Reference to Entry or Case (No. Entry, Kind of Entry, No. of Words, Rate per 100, Am't of Fees).

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"REGISTER OF DETAILED MONTHLY STATEMENT OF UNEARNED FEES AND OFFICIAL MONEYS." 1895-1908. 2 vols. 430 cu. ins.

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Chronological order. For fees, commissions, and land payments "in cases where the applications to file or enter are incomplete or cannot be allowed for any reason"; fees in contest cases, including costs of transcription; and cancellations. Column Headings: (double pages): Date of Receipt; Character of Deposit, Application, or kind of Entry; From Whom Received (Name of Applicant, Residence); Description of the Land (Section, or Part of Section, No. of Section, No. of Township, No. of Range); Received or Deposited as Fees; Received as Commissions; Received as Purchase Money; Amount Returned; Earned or Paid Publishers; Amount Earned and Reported in Quarterly Contest Account; Other Items Earned or Paid Publishers; Remarks.

RECEIVER'S "QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS OF UNEARNED FEES AND UNOFFICIAL MONEY" RECEIVED AND DISBURSED. 1906-1908. 2 vols. 250 cu. ins.

Chronological order. One book (1906-1908) shows cash deposited and checks drawn, The other (1907-1908) shows the names of depositors, names of debtors to the United States, and amounts.

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| PRESS COPIES OF PRIVATE LETTERS SENT, EARL W. TREMONT, RECEIVER. February-September 1909. 1 vol. 240 cu. ins. Chronological order. Most letters deal with remittance for subscriptions, rent, Receivers' bonds, and supplies. 26 pages used. | <u>87</u> |
| PRESS COPIES OF REGISTER'S LETTERS SENT TO THE COMMISSIONER. 1918-1926. 12 vols. 1 ft. Chronological order. Indexed. Volumes 1-2, 11-15, 19-20, 22-24. Press copies discontinued May 1, 1926. | <u>88</u> |
| RECEIVER'S "QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS". 1880-1908. 1 vol. 380 cu. ins. Chronological order. An account of money received for land and mineral entries. Column Headings: Date; In What Way Accounted for; Items on which Receiver is Allowed a Commission of one per cent; Amount; Date of Purchase; No. of Receiver's Receipt; By Whom Purchased; Tract Purchased; Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Amount Received in Military Scrip; Amount of Purchases Money (total cost). See also item 93. | <u>89</u> |
| "RECEIVER ACTING AS DISBURSING AGENT, QUARTERLY ACCOUNT." 1884-1914. 2 vols. 500 cu. ins. Chronological order. For salaries, fees and commissions. Eureka, 1884-1894; Carson City, 1886, 1895-1914. | <u>90</u> |
| "DAILY RECORD OF CASH RECIEPTS AND BALANCES". 1886-1908, 2 vols. 620 cu. ins. Chronological order. Form 4-977, bound. Column Headings: Date; Description (land entry application number); Amount (Cash Sales, Fees, and Commissions). Second volume titled "Daily Register of Cash Receipts and Balances". | <u>91</u> |
| "DOCKET OF REPAYMENT APPLICATIONS." 1888-1898; 1906-1908. 1 vol. 325 cu. ins. For refunds on all types of entry. Indexed alphabetically by name of applicant. Column Headings: R&R No. (Register and Receiver number); Name of Parties; Description of Tracts; When Filed; When Transmitted to GLO; Final Action by GLO (allowed, repaid, refused, denied, etc.). Volume 1 also numbered 207. Entries numbered 1-26, March 21, 1888 - October 27, 1898; 27-46, June 7, 1906 - August 24, 1908. | <u>92</u> |
| "RECEIVERS' CONDENSED QUARTERLY ACCOUNT." 1886-1906. 1 vol. 100 cu. ins. Chronological order. A recapitulation if the money entries in item 89. | <u>93</u> |

"RECEIVER'S MONTHLY ACCOUNTS." 1886-1908. 2 vols. 600 cu. ins.
Chronological order. For fees and commissions collected.
See also item 95.

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"RECEIVER'S RECORD OF FEE STATEMENTS." 1886-1908. 1 vol.
430 cu. ins.

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Chronological order. "To accompany Receiver's Monthly Account" (item 94). For fees and commissions received for pre-emption, homestead, and other declarations; mining applications; homestead entries; final homestead proofs; timber-culture entries; final timber-culture proofs; Military Land Bounty Warrants; Agricultural College Scrip; private land-claim scrip; and railroad and other selections. An accurate abstract of the various types of entry which gives entry numbers, total numbers of entries by category, and fees levied.

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"REGISTER OF DETAILED MONTHLY STATEMENT OF UNEARNED FEES AND OFFICIAL MONEYS." 1895-1908. 2 vols. 430 cu. ins.

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RECEIVER'S "QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS OF UNEARNED FEES AND UNOFFICIAL MONEY" RECEIVED AND DISBURSED. 1906-1908. 2 vols. 250 cu. ins.

Chronological order. One book (1906-1908) shows cash deposited and checks drawn, The other (1907-1908) shows the names of depositors, names of debtors to the United States, and amounts.

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"REGISTER OF RECEIPTS FOR ANNUAL PAYMENTS UNDER RECLAMATION ACT."

January-July, 1908. 1 vol. 405 cu. ins.

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"For the cost of building irrigation works, and charges for operation and maintenance." Truckee-Carson Project; Act of June 17, 1902. Column Headings: (double pages): Date of Receipt; No. of Receipt; By Whom Paid (Name, Residence); No. of Certificate of Filing; Farm Unit or Tract; Section, Township, Range; Irrigable Lands (area); Cost of Building; Charges for Operation and Maintenance; Total (cost); No. of Installments; Remarks,

RECEIVER'S GENERAL ACCOUNTS. 1912-1914. 1 vol. 270 cu. ins.

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Chronological order. For all accounts of the office. Loose-leaf binder.

"DOCKET" OF ATTORNEYS. 1887-1907. 1 vol. 330 cu. ins.

For lawyers admitted to practice before the Land Office. Names listed alphabetically and by date admitted. A-H only; pp. 56-64. Column Headings: Number, name; address; date admitted; Also contains CONTEST "DOCKET" (item 112).

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"RECORD OF ATTORNEYS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE LAND OFFICE (AND OF) COMMISSIONED ABSTRACTORS." 1887-1946. 1 vol.

105 cu. ins.

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Names listed alphabetically and by date admitted. Column Headings: Number; name; address; date admitted. Volume 1; also numbered 215. Contains loose relevant correspondence.

CIRCULARS AND INSTRUCTIONS. 1889; 1892; 1912; 1936. 3 vols.

600 cu. ins.

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Letters, instructions, pamphlets, circulars, bills, and laws relating to general policy matters and to specific cases, especially to legal questions and actions. Not indexed; chronological order; fragmentary. Circulars for 1889 and 1892 are loose.

TOWNSHIP TRACT BOOKS. 1864-1964. 172 vols. 50 ft.

Tract books are the basic reference record for all past and present actions and transactions relating to the disposal or use of public domain lands and their resources. They serve as a master guide or key to all public domain lands that are or have been in Federal ownership. All applications for acquisitions or use are entered in the tract books by case number or other reference under the appropriate section, township and range, and the final action taken on the application is also noted.

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Though heavily annotated in some places, these books are in reasonably good condition despite one hundred years of continuous usage by both officials of the Land Office and the general public. The books are divided into two groups. The first group consists of 124 bound volumes measuring 12x18 inches, using three sections per double page, covering the years 1864-1964 (numbers 1-122, 63A, 112A). The second group consists of 48 loose-leaf binders measuring 9x15 inches, using one section per single page, covering the years 1900-1964 (numbers 125-167, and five unnumbered); some of these are probably supplementary pages for the bound volumes. The area covered is all Nevada: North and South townships, Ranges 18-71 East, Mount Diablo Meridian (MDM). See item 105.

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TOWNSHIP TRACT BOOKS. 1864-1880. 16 vols. 4 ft.

Volumes numbered 1-16. North Townships, Ranges 17-43 East, MDM (vols. 1-15); Townships 1-3 South, Ranges 34-36 East, MDM (vol. 16). 12x18 inches; three sections per double page. Apparently an older series used before the introduction of the larger set of 172 volumes (item 104). Volume 16 received from Aurora in 1873. The information in this series is duplicated in the later one.

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TOWNSHIP TRACT BOOKS. 1906-1907. 2 vols. 850 cu. ins.

South Townships, Ranges 32 and 35 East, MDM; North Townships, Range 67 East, MDM. Carson City assumed. 12x18 inches; three sections per double page. Two volumes which do not fit into any of the other series (items 104 and 105). A very few entries in each.

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TOWNSITE TRACT BOOK ("VIRGINIA CITY TOWN LOTS, VOL. I").

1865-1879. 1 vol. 430 cu. ins.

Townsite tract books serve the same function for designated townsites as township tract books serve for townships (see item 104 for description), except that townsite lots are measured and sold by the square foot instead of by acres and hundredths. 12x18 inches; bound volume. With separate alphabetical name index marked "Indexed up to Oct. 22d 1877." Column Headings: Name of Purchaser; Size of lot in square feet; amount paid; Declaratory Statement details (date of settlement, date of filing, number). Also numbered 123.

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TOWNSITE TRACT BOOK. 1918-1959. 1 vol. 675 cu. ins.

9x15 inches; loose-leaf binder, with correspondence interleaved. Not indexed. Column Headings: Lot Number; Area (square feet); Valuation; How Entered; Purchase Price; Name of Purchaser; Date of Sale; Serial Number; Patented (Date, Number). For Beatty, Eastline, Lida, Wadsworth, Eureka, East Mountain City, Luning, Rhyolite, Goldfield, and South Goldfield. Also numbered 124 and 14. Arranged by townsite.

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STATE SELECTION LISTS. 1866-1935. 8 vols. 2 ft.

Lists filed in lieu of patents under the authority of several Acts granting public domain lands to the States for educational and other developmental purposes. Eight bound volumes, one foot, 1867-1909, numbers 1-7 and one unnumbered, contain lists for Aurora, Austin, Belmont, Carson City, Elko, Eureka and Pinoche. One foot of unbound lists in 4x7 inch packets, 1866-1935, for Carson City only. The Carson City lists in the volumes contain some duplicates of the loose, ones, which are more nearly complete.

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RAILROAD SELECTION LISTS. 1875-1934. 9 vols. 1 ft.

Lists filed in lieu of patents under the authority of several Acts granting public domain lands to railroads to aid in the construction of lines to the Pacific Coast. Volumes 2-9 and one unnumbered. "S.P.Ry. List 1," 1910 (unnumbered volume); Eureka list 49, 1885 (in volume 7); Central Pacific Railroad (CPRR) lists 1-44, 46-105, 1875-1934 (volumes 2-9 and 360 cubic inches unbound).

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"ABSTRACT OF LAND SOLD." 1864-1875; 1907-1908. 2 vols. 750 cu. ins.

Not indexed. Arranged in numerical order by month. Volume 2, "Register of Cash Certifi's", entries numbered 1-544, June 1, 1864 - January 21, 1875; volume 4, also numbered 194, entries 862-908, January 3, 1907 - June 19, 1908. Column Headings: (double pages): When Sold; Number of Receipt and Certificate; By Whom Purchased (Name, Residence); Tract Purchased; Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Purchase Money (total cost); GLO Tract Book (Volume, Folio). Volume 2 adds: Amount Received in Military Land Scrip; Amount Received in Forfeited Land Stock; Date of Patent.

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CONTEST "DOCKET". 1879-1900. 1 vol. 330 cu. ins.

Text in "Remarks" shows this to be almost certainly a record begun in the Eureka office. Indexed alphabetically by name of contestant. Information given in some cases is voluminous; double pages are used and some entries cover several. Column Headings: Description of the Tract (Part of Section, Section, Township, Range); Name of Party; Date of Entry; Remarks. Pages headed variously "Docket of Contests"; "Docket of Contests under Homestead Laws"; "Docket of Contests under Mining Laws"; "Docket of Final Desert Land Proofs"; "Docket of Cancellations", pp. 2-55 only. Also contains "DOCKET OF ATTORNEYS" (item 101).

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"CONTEST DOCKET." 1880-1925. 3 vols. 1230 cu. ins.

Numerical order. Indexed alphabetically by name of contestant. Information given is variable and, in some cases, voluminous; double pages are used and some entries cover several. Items given include: Number of case; title of case; date affidavit of contest is filed; kind of entry; date of entry; description of tract (part of section, section, township, range); name and address of attorney; minutes of

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proceedings. Volume 1 (also numbered 190) contests 1-110; volume 2 (also numbered 209) contests 111-203; unnumbered loose-leaf binder, contests 204-999.

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"RECORD OF PATENTS DELIVERED." 1884-1909. 2 vols. 1350 cu. ins.

For all types of patent. Indexed alphabetically by name of patentee. Includes Eureka. Column Headings: Number of Certificate; To Whom Patented; Date of Patent; Where Recorded (Volume, Page); To Whom Sent; When; Where. Volume 1, also numbered 191, Eureka, February 17, 1886 - February 21, 1894; volume 2, also numbered 192, Carson City, September 13, 1884 - February 19, 1909. Volume 2 is in chronological order up to October 7, 1908; thereafter it is divided by type of entry - Homestead, desert land, cash, mineral, Forest Reserve Lieu Lands.

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"RECORD OF APPLICATIONS TO MAKE PROOF" OF ENTRY. 1906-1908.

1 vol. 375 cu. ins.

115

Mostly homestead and desert land, but also contains some timber and stone, and coal applications. About 110 entries arranged by month. For the whole State. Carson City assumed. Indexed alphabetically by name of applicant. Column Headings: (double pages): Kind of Entry; Number; Date; Name and Residence; Description; Section; Township; Range; Date of App. to make Proof; Before Whom Set; At What Place; Date Set for Proof; Designated Newspaper; Who Pays Printer; Actual Date of Proof; Action Taken by R & R. Volume numbered 211.

"REGISTER OF ENTRIES OF MINING LANDS." 1862-1908. 4 vols.

1625 cu. ins.

116

For Aurora, Austin, Belmont, Carson City, Elko, Eureka, Pioche. All except volume 5 indexed alphabetically by name of claim or applicant. Arranged numerically by receipt number. Column Headings for volumes 2, 3, and 4 (double pages): Name of Claimant; Name of Claim; When Sold; Number of Receipt and Certificate; Embracing Lot Number; Section or Part of Section, Section, Township; Range; Area; Purchase Money (total cost); Remarks. Column Headings for Volume 5: No. of Application; No. of Receipt; Date of Filing; Name of Applicant; Post-Office Address; Name of Mine; Mining District; County; Section or Part of Section, Township, Range; Area; Purchase Money; Remarks. Dates given are dates of sale or filing; numbers in parentheses are additional volume numbers. Volume 2 (168): Belmont, 1-11, September 16, 1862 - March 17, 1873; Pioche; 1-17, October 26, 1874 - September 4, 1876; Elko, 1-29, May 3, 1875 - June 27, 1877. Volume 3 (169): Austin/Eureka, 1-905, June 1, 1868 - December 30, 1893 (location changes in 1873 between entries 116 and 151). Volume 4 (170): Carson City, 1-895, September 5, 1867 - April 20, 1906; Aurora, 1-8, November 13, 1872 - March 31, 1873. Volume 5 (171): Carson City, 896-1332, July 29, 1905 - June 24, 1908.

"REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS FOR MINING PATENTS." 1866-1908.

6 vols. 1 ft.

117

For Austin, Carson City, Elko, Eureka, Pioche. Indexed alphabetically by name of claim. Arranged numerically by receipt number. Column Headings (double pages): No. of Application; Date of Filing; Name of Applicant; Post Office Address; Name of Mine; Mining District; County; Number of Lot or Part of Section, Section, Township, Range; Area; Remarks (e.g., patent number, final entry certificate number, protests). Volume 3 also gives Purchase Money (total cost). Numbers in parentheses are additional volume numbers. Volume 1 (174): Austin/Eureka, 1-878, October 18, 1867 - December 24, 1887 (location changes at number 209, June 3, 1873). Volume 2 (175): Eureka, 879-1042, February 8, 1888 - February 14, 1894; Pioche, 1-15, May 2, 1874 - January 26, 1876; Elko, 1-37, August 24, 1872 - September 13, 1877. Volume 3, 4, 5, and 6 (176-179): Carson City, 1-1702, October 16, 1866 - June 16, 1908.

"REGISTER OF RECEIPTS FOR MINERAL LANDS" SOLD. 1875-1876; 1890-1906.

1 vol. 215 cu. ins.

118

Includes two entries for Aurora. Indexed alphabetically by name of claim. Arranged numerically by receipt number. Column Headings: Name of Claimant; Name of Claim; When Sold; No. of Receipt; No. of Lot; Part of Section, Section, Township, Range; Area; Purchase Money (total cost); Remarks (used infrequently). Carson City, 125-165, January 7, 1875 - September 16, 1876, pp. 1-3, 5-17; 413-903, August 16, 1890 - May 21, 1906, pp. 18-95. Aurora, 3 and 6, May 18, 1875, p. 4.

MINERAL CONTEST DOCKET ("ADVERSE CLAIMS UNDER MINING LAW").

1877-1908. 2 vols. 1080 cu. ins.

119

Includes Eureka. Volume 1 indexed alphabetically by name of claim; volume 2 not indexed. Arranged numerically by claim number and by month. Column Headings (double pages): No. of Adverse Claim; Date of Filing; Name of Adverse Claimant; Post Office Address; Name of Mine; Name of Applicants Against Which Adverse Claim is Filed; Name of Mine of Applicant; No. of Application; Land in Controversy (Number of Lot or Part of Section, Section, Township, Range); Remarks (decisions, etc.). Numbers in parentheses are additional volume numbers. Volume 1 (172): Eureka, 27-176, October 29, 1877 - January 14, 1893. Volume 2 (173): Carson City, 1-350, March 23, 1878 - June 24, 1908.

"REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE OF POSTING" PUBLIC NOTICE OF MINING CLAIM APPLICATIONS. 1908-1912. 4 vols. 210 cu. ins.

120

Arranged chronologically and by application number. Form 4-229. Public notice was posted and the stub was retained as a permanent record. Items Given: Mineral application number; name of mining claim; date posted; date notice taken down.

INDEX TO MINERAL SURVEY AND LAND ENTRY SERIAL NUMBERS.

Undated; post-1908. 1 vol. 255 cu. ins.

121

Carson City assumed. Two separate alphabetical indexes showing numbers; by name of claimant (mineral survey applications) and by name of entryman (mineral land entry serial case file numbers). Also numbered 180. See items 170, 171, 176 and 177 for mineral surveys; item 181 for land entries.

HOMESTEAD DECLARATORY STATEMENTS, ACT OF 1841. 1864-1890.

1440 cu. ins.

122

Filed under the authority of the Pre-Emption Act of September 4, 1841. A Declaratory Statement served as the squatter's notice of his intention to claim pre-emption rights on land not yet surveyed. Loose, in 4x9 packets; in rough numerical order. DS#1,2106, March 1, 1864 - February 21, 1890; "Annora Old", April-May, 1873, one packet, 12 cu. ins. See item 124 for index.

HOMESTEAD DECLARATORY STATEMENTS, ACTS OF 1864/1865. 1865-1879.

1225 cu. ins.

123

Filed under the authority of the Acts of July 1, 1864, and March 3, 1865. For townships other than Carson City. See item 122 for description. Loose, in 4x9 packets. Virginia City, 150-1148, August 18, 1865 - May 12, 1879, unarranged, two series mixed; Gold Hill, 1-500, July 1 - September 16, 1865, in order; Austin Townsite, October 1865 - September 1866, unarranged; Carson Town ("Subject to action of Hon. Comm."), August 1865, unarranged; Empire City, July 1 - September 25, 1865, unarranged; Peavine Townsite and Virginia Townsite, August 10, 1865 - January 10, 1876, unarranged, with correspondence; Washoe City, December 1866, May 1867, unarranged.

ABSTRACT OF HOMESTEAD DECLARATORY STATEMENTS. 1864-1890.

2 vols. 910 cu. ins.

124

"On lands which have not been offered at public sale under the President's Proclamation." Column Headings: No. of Statement Filed; Date of Settlement; Date when Filed; Name; Description; Section, Township, Range; Remarks. Volume 2, arranged alphabetically and in numerical order, DS#1,2062, March 1, 1864 - March 24, 1880; volume 3, arranged in numerical order and by month, DS#1,311½-2106, August 2, 1869 - February 21, 1890. An index to the Declaratory Statements listed in item 122.

"RECEIVER'S ABSTRACT OF DECLARATORY STATEMENTS." 1886-1890.

1 vol. 360 cu. ins.

125

A \$3 fee was assessed. Six entries only; arranged by month in numerical order. Column Headings: Date of Settlement; Date of Filing; Number; Name; Amount; Remarks. DS#2101-2106, November 16, 1886 - February 21, 1890. See items 122 and 124.

"REGISTER OF HOMESTEAD ENTRIES." 1864-1908. 3 vols. 1300 cu. ins.

Filed under the authority of the Homestead Act of May 20, 1862, and other subsequent homestead laws. Includes Eureka. Title varies. Not indexed. Arranged numerically by entry number and by month, except volume 3, numerically only. Information given varies; later volumes have column headings (double pages): No. of Application; Date of Application; Tract Entered; Section, Township, Range; Quantity (area); Name of Applicant; Residence; Fees; Commissions; Remarks (notifications, cancellations, conflicts, etc.). Dates given are dates of entry; numbers in parentheses are additional volume numbers. Volume 3 (201): Carson City, 1-487; March 1, 1864 - December 19, 1893. Volume 4 (202): Eureka, 148-290, November 1, 1879 - November 28, 1893; Carson City, 488-1142, August 15, 1894 - June 27, 1906. Volume 5 (203): Carson City, 1143-1758, July 2, 1906 - June 22, 1908.

126

"REGISTER OF FINAL HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATES." 1869-1908.

2 vols. 865 cu. ins.

127

Not indexed. Arranged numerically by certificate number and by month. Column Headings (double pages): Number of Certificate; Date of Certificate; Tract Entered; Section, Township, Range; Area; Name of Applicant; Residence; No. of Original Application; Commission; Price per Acre; Remarks (patent number, etc.). Both "vol. 2"; numbers in parentheses are additional volume numbers. Volume 2 (205), 1-347, July 19, 1869 - November 22, 1906; volume 2 (206), 348-432, January 3, 1907 - June 12, 1908.

"REGISTER OF FINAL HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS." 1869-1906. 1 vol.

430 cu. ins.

128c

". . . issued by the Receiver of Public Moneys at Carson City . . ." Not indexed. Arranged numerically by receipt number and by month. Column Headings (double pages): No. of Receipt; Date of Receipt; Tract Entered; Section, Township, Range; Area; Name of Applicant; Residence; No. of Original Application; Commissions; Price per Acre; Remarks. 1-26, July 19, 1869 - May 18, 1876; 200-261, August 16, 1890 - June 6, 1901; 289-300, May 9-28, 1906. Similar information is found in the "REGISTER OF HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS" (item 129).

"REGISTER OF HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS." 1894-1906. 1 vol. 430 cu. ins.

". . . issued by the Receiver of Public Moneys at Carson City . . ." Not indexed. Arranged numerically by receipt number and by month. Column Headings (double pages): Date of Receipt; Number of Receipt; By Whom Purchased (Name, Residence); Tract Purchased; Section, Township, Range; Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Fees; Commissions; Remarks. 493-1123, December 11, 1894 - June 1, 1906. Information for some of the entries appears in almost identical form in the "REGISTER OF FINAL HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS" (item 128). The "Number of Receipt" in this volume is the "No. of Original Application" of the previous one.

129

"ABSTRACT OF DESERT LAND ENTRIES." 1877-1908. 3 vols. 975 cu. ins.

". . . under the 'Act to provide for the sale of desert land in certain States and Territories', approved March 3, 1877." A desert land homestead is 320 acres, twice the size of the basic homestead grant. Also titled "Record" or "Register" of desert land entries. Indexed alphabetically by name of entryman. Arranged in numerical order by certificate number. Column Headings (double pages): When Entered; Number of Certificate; By Whom Entered (Name, Residence); Tract Entered; Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Purchase Money (total cost); Amount Received; Amount Due on Making Final Proof; GLO Tract Book (Volume, Folio). Volumes numbered 1, 3, and 4, and also 186, 188 and 184 respectively, but there is no break in continuity. Entries numbered 1-573, April 2, 1877 - June 20, 1908. Volume 3, (188) has a separate index.

130

"REGISTER OF FINAL DESERT LAND CERTIFICATES." 1878-1908.

3 vols. 1080 cu. ins.

Not indexed. Arranged in numerical order by Final Certificate number. Includes Eureka. Also titled "Register of Final Certificates, Desert Lands." Column Headings: Final Certificate (Number, Date); By Whom Entered (Name, Residence); Tract Entered; Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Purchase Money (total cost); Original Payment at 25 center per Acre; Final Payment at \$1 per Acre; Number of Original Declaration; GLO Tract Book (Volume, Folio). Numbers in parentheses are additional volume numbers. Volume 1 (181), Eureka, 1-46, June 20, 1878 - May 6, 1891; volumes 2 and 3 (182/183), Carson City, 1-117, March 11, 1878 - June 15, 1908.

131

"REGISTER OF ENTRIES, TIMBER CULTURE." 1876-1888.

1 vol. 215 cu. ins.

Under the Acts of March 3, 1873, and June 14, 1878. Not indexed. Arranged numerically by application number and by month. Column Headings: No. of Application; Date of Application; Tract Entered; Section, Township, Range; Quantity (area); Name of Applicant; Residence; Fees; Commissions; Remarks. Volume 1, also numbered 214, applications numbered 1-36. December 16, 1876 - May 31, 1888. Also contains REGISTER OF SOLDIER'S ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD SCRIP ENTRIES (item 140).

"ABSTRACT OF (TIMBER AND STONE) DECLARATORY STATEMENTS."

1906-1907. 1 vol. 430 cu. ins.

"On lands which have/have not been offered at public sale, under the President's Proclamation." Not indexed. Column Headings: No. of Statement Filed; No. of Timber Culture Entry; Date When Filed; Name; Description; Section, Township, Range; Remarks. Volume 1, also numbered 196, four entries only, numbers 95-98, October 9,

October 11, 1907, pp. 1-4. Also contains "ABSTRACT OF (SOLDIERS')
DECLARATORY STATEMENTS" at page 150 (item 141). 133

COAL LAND DECLARATORY STATEMENTS. 1877 - 1896. 35 cu. ins.
Numerical order. Under the authority of Section 2347, U. S.
Revised Statutes. One 4x9 inch packet. DS#2-11, April 14, 1877 -
October 5, 1896. 134

"ABSTRACT OF (COAL LAND) DECLARATORY STATEMENTS." 1906-1908.
1 vol. 430 cu. ins. 135

"On lands which have/have not been offered at Public Sale under
the President's Proclamation." Not indexed. Arranged numerically
by Declaratory Statement number. Column Headings: No. of Statement
Filed; Date of Settlement; Date When Filed; Name; Description;
Section, Township, Range; Remarks. Volume 1, also numbered 197,
DS#56-110, January 4, 1906 - May 2, 1908.

ABSTRACT OF COAL LAND SOLD ("FINAL COAL ENTRIES"). 1891; 1900-1905.
1 vol. 430 cu. ins. 136

Not indexed. Includes Eureka. Column Headings: When Sold;
Number of Certificate and Receipt; By Whom Purchased (Name, Residence);
Tract Purchased; Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Purchase Money (total
cost); Am't Rec'd in Military Land Scrip; GLO Tract Book (Volume,
Folio). Volume numbered 189. Five entries only: Eureka 95, December
24, 1891; Carson City; 194, May 28, 1900, February 11, 1903, and
July 15, 1905.

"REGISTER OF INDIAN ALLOTMENT APPLICATIONS." 1891-1908.
2 vols. 540 cu. ins. 137

Not indexed. Arranged numerically by application number.
Information given varies: R & R No. of Application; Date of Appli-
cation; Tract Entered (Section or Part of Section, No. of Section,
Township, Range); Quantity (area); Name of Applicant or Head of
Family; Residence; Fees (usually \$3 or \$6); Tribe (mostly Washoe or
Pah-Ute); Land Entry Certificate Number; Remarks; Date of Approval;
Date Patent Delivered; To Whom Patent Delivered (usually Bureau of
Indian Affairs official). Numbers in parentheses are additional
volume numbers. Volume 1 (200), titled "Register of Entries",
1-846, May 25, 1891 - October 28, 1908, Acts of February 8, 1887,
and February 28, 1891; volume 2 (208), 1-492, all approved August
13, 1906, Act of May 27, 1902, Walker River Indian Reservation
Allotments (all Pah-Ute).

ABSTRACT OF RESERVOIR SITE "DECLARATORY STATEMENTS." 1900-1904.
1 vol. 430 cu. ins. 138

"On lands which have/have not been offered at public sale under
the President's Proclamation." Acts of October 2, 1888; August 30,
1890; March 3, 1891; and January 13, 1897. Not indexed. Column

Headings: No. of Statement Filed; Date of Settlement; Date when Filed; Name; Description; Section, Township, Range; Remarks. Five entries only. Volume 1, also numbered 195, DS#1-5, October 8, 1900 - October 24, 1904. Also contains ABSTRACT OF HOMESTEAD "DECLARATORY STATEMENTS" (Eureka), see item 161. 138

REGISTER OF FOREST RESERVE LIEU LAND SELECTIONS. 1898-1908.

1 vol. 215 cu. ins.

139

Forest Reserve Act of June 4, 1897 ("FRL"). Not indexed. Arranged numerically by receipt or entry number. Volume 1, also numbered 213, entry numbers 1-261, April 19, 1898 - June 15, 1908. Information given (double pages) changes. For entries 1-37, 1898-1902: Date of Receipt; Number of Receipt; By Whom Entered (Name, Residence); Tract Entered; Quantity (area); Price; Fees; Commissions; Remarks. For entries 38-261, 1902-1908: Date of Entry; Number of Entry; By Whom Entered (Name, P. O. Address); Tract Entered; Quantity; Price; Fees; Commissions; Remarks. In volume titled "Register of Receipts, Timber Culture."

REGISTER OF SOLDIERS' ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD SCRIP ENTRIES.

1904; 1906-1908. 2 vols. 430 cu. ins.

140

Known as "Alabama Scrip" or "Alabama Lieu Selections". Not indexed. Arranged numerically by application number and by month. Volume 1, also numbered 214, has column headings (double pages): R & R No. of Application; Date of Application; Tract Entered; Section, Township, Range; Quantity (area); Name of Applicant; Residence; Fees; Commissions; Remarks. Applications 1-23, March 31, 1906 - March 27, 1908. In "REGISTER OF ENTRIES, TIMBER CULTURE" (item 132). Second unnumbered volume ("Register of Locations Made with Scrip under Act of June 22d 1860") has one entry dated July 20, 1904, made under the authority of the Act of August 18, 1894. Column Headings (double pages): Register's and Receiver's No.; Area for which Scrip Issued; Date of Decree; In whose Favor the Scrip was Issued; Date of Location; Tracts Located; Area Located; By Whom Located; Remarks.

"ABSTRACT OF SOLDIER'S DECLARATORY STATEMENTS." 1907-1908.

1 vol. 430 cu. ins.

141

"On lands which have/have not been offered at public sale under the President's Proclamation." Not indexed. Column Headings: No. of Statement Filed; Date of Settlement; Date When Filed; Name; Description; Section, Township, Range; Remarks. Volume 1, also numbered 196, four entries only, 1-3, September 27, 1907, and 1, October 13, 1908 (transcribed entry from November 1, 1873), page 150. Also contains "ABSTRACT OF (TIMBER AND STONE) DECLARATORY STATEMENTS" at pp. 1-4 (item 133).

MISCELLANEOUS LAND ENTRY PAPERS. 1864-1877; 1880; 1907; 1920-1924.
470 cu. ins.

142

Unarranged, loose documents in 4x9 inch packets. Indian lands contests, 1864-1871, including correspondence and documents on "Sioux Half-Breed Scrip Locations"; Agricultural College Scrip and Military Land Bounty Warrants, 1864-1873; mixed administrative and land entry papers, 1864-1877, 5 packets, including correspondence and plans relating to Adolph Sutro's Comstock Tunnel; Town Lot Abandonments, several Towns, 1866; Agricultural College Scrip Locations, numbers 1-16, 1871-1872; applications to purchase timber lands, 1880; Indian patents, 1907.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ELKO.

There have been three separate Elko offices. The first one, sometimes called "Old Elko", existed between the years 1872 and 1877. It was consolidated with the Eureka office. The second office was established in 1914 and closed in 1927, when it was consolidated with the Carson City office. The position of Receiver was abolished on July 31, 1922. The third one was a District Grazing Office established on April 8, 1936. It still exists today as a District Office (see items 190-194).

Items 143-149 are all from the 1914-1927 period only, except for item 143, which covers the earliest office also. Other Elko items are to be found among the Carson City records (items 80-142).

TOWNSHIP TRACT BOOKS. 1872-1913. 4 vols. 1 ft.

Arranged by Sections and Townships. For North Townships, Ranges 39-43 East, MDM. Column Headings (three sections to the double page): Description of Tract (Part of Section, Section, Township, Range); Area; Rate per Acre; Total Cost (purchase price); Name of Purchaser; Date of Sale; Number of Receipt and Certificate of Purchase; To Whom Patented; Date of Patent; Where Recorded (Vol., Page); Authority (e.g., and Act); Other Remarks (e.g., State or Railroad Selection List numbers, conflicts, cancellations, etc.). For description of the function of tract books, see item 104.

143

RAILROAD PATENTS. 1915-1924. 65 cu. ins.

Duplicates of eight patents: #303, 306, 317, 322, 328, 330, 335, 948967. Loose.

144

RAILROAD SELECTION LISTS. 1915-1926. 250 cu. ins.

Numerical order; numbers assigned by date and time of filing. Lists filed in lieu of patents under the authority of several Acts granting public domain lands to railroads to aid in the construction of lines to the Pacific Coast. Lists 2-19, Central Pacific Railroad (CPRR).

145

STATE SELECTION LIST. 1925.

University Grant; Act of July 4, 1866. A few sheets. Copy of list number 8, filed February 7, 1925. Land entry serial number 02674.

146

LAND ENTRY SERIAL NUMBER REGISTERS. 1914-1928. 2 vols.
945 cu. ins.

Loose-leaf binders. Information given varies. Smaller volume (1914-1928): Type of application; name; address; sub-division; section, Township. Range; serial number; date; patent number; County. Larger volume lists serial numbers by month from January, 1914, through June 1918, and consists of several types of abstracts and summaries; Quantitative, by type; contests; schedule of serial numbers; schedule of allowances (entries allowed); schedule of rejected applications; closed applications petitioned for re-designation; relinquishments; final certificates issued; status of national forest lands.

147

CONTEST DOCKET. 1909-1927. 1 vol. 335 cu. ins.

Loose-leaf binder. Contents 1-331, September 25, 1909 - May 14, 1927. Two indexes, by contest number: Alphabetical and "status". Some cases also assigned a Carson City contest number. Information voluminous for some of the contests.

148

MINERAL CONTEST DOCKET INDEX. Undated; ca. 1927. 1 vol.
135 cu. ins.

Loose-leaf binder. ". . . Showing Adverse Proceedings. United States VS. Mineral Claimants in Boulder Canyon Reservoir Site." Gives contest numbers by section, township, and range. No names shown.

149

U. S. LAND OFFICE, EUREKA.

The Eureka office was established in 1873 when it took over the business of the Austin office, established in 1867. It absorbed Belmont/Pioche (1867-1877) and Elko (1872-1877), and was itself consolidated with Carson City in 1894.

Item 159 is a record begun at Austin. Other Eureka items are to be found among the Carson City records (items 80-142).

PRESS COPIES OF REGISTER'S LETTERS SENT. 1879-1891. 9 vols.
1200 cu. ins. 150

Volumes 1, 3-5, 7-11, of which only volumes 10 and 11 are indexed, alphabetically by name of addressee.

COMMISSIONER'S LETTERS RECEIVED. 1879-1893. 2 ft.
Chronological order. Not indexed. 151

PRESS COPIES OF RECEIVER'S LETTERS SENT. 1889-1894. 1 vol.
120 cu. ins. 152

Chronological order. Marked "Receiver. 3." Not indexed.
Mostly sent to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

STATE SELECTION LISTS. 1880-1894. 575 cu. ins.
Lists filed in lieu of patents under the authority of the Act of June 16, 1880 ("Two Million Acres" grant). Four boxes. Lists 1-179; number assigned by date and time of filing. 153

RAILROAD SELECTION LISTS. 1885-1892. 1 vol. 115 cu. ins.
Lists filed in lieu of patents under the authority of several Acts granting public domain lands to railroads to aid in the construction of lines to the Pacific Coast. "Eureka Railway Lists", volume 1, lists 2-9, Central Pacific Railroad (CPRR). In numerical order; number assigned by date and time of filing. 154

"REGISTER OF CERTIFICATES." 1868-1892. 1 vol. 430 cu. ins. 155
". . . Granted in Pursuance of Law to Purchasers of Public Lands. . . ." Not indexed. Arranged numerically by certificate number. Column Headings (double pages): Remarks Relative to Authorized Changes of Entry; Date of Certificate; Number of Certificate; By Whom Purchased (Name, Residence); Tract Purchased (Part of Section, Section, Township, Range); Quantity (area); Rate per Acre; Amount of Purchase Money (total cost); Amount Rec'd in Military Land Scrip; Date When Patent was Received at the Land Office. Dates given are dates of certificate. Volume 1, also numbered 198, certi-

ificate. Volume 1, also numbered 198, certificates 1-96, November 18, 1868 - April 18, 1892.

155

"REGISTER OF RECEIPTS FOR MINERAL LANDS" SOLD.

1868-1893. 2 vols. 650 cu. ins.

156

Not Indexed. Arranged numerically by receipt number. Information given varies; double pages used. Volume 1, receipts 1-789, June 3, 1868 - November 24, 1888: Name of Claimant; Name of Claim; When Sold; No. of Receipt; No. of Lot; Part of Section, Section, Township, Range; Area; Purchase Money (total cost); Remarks. Volume 3, "Register of Mineral Receipts", receipts 790-905, November 24, 1888 - December 30, 1893: No. of Application; Date of Filing; Name of Applicant; Post Office Address; Name of Mine; Mining District; County; Number of Lot or Part of Section, Section, Township, Range; Area; Remarks. (seldom used).

MINING CLAIM CONTEST PAPERS. 1878-1881; 1888-1891. 1 ft.

Loose; unarranged. Principally affidavits and other evidence used in court cases.

157

"REGISTER OF FINAL HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATES." 1875-1893. 1 vol.

430 cu. ins.

158

Not indexed. Arranged numerically by certificate number. Column Headings (double pages): Number of Certificate; Date of Certificate; Tract Entered (Section or Part of Section, No. of Section, No. of Township, No. of Range); Area; Name of Applicant; Residence; No. of Original Application; Commissions; Price per Acre; Remarks. Volume 1, also numbered 204, certificates 1-137, September 23, 1875 - July 15, 1893. See item 160.

REGISTER OF HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS ("Hd. AUSTIN"). 1868-1879.

1 vol. 215 cu. ins.

159

Begun at Austin and continued at Eureka. ". . . issued by the Receiver of Public Moneys. . . for Lands Entered under the Homestead Act. . . ." Entries in numerical order; not indexed. Column Headings (double pages): Date of Receipt; Number of Receipt; By Whom Purchased (Name, Residence); Tract Purchased (Section, or Part of Section, No. of Section, No. of Township; No of Range); Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Purchase Money (total cost); Amount Received in Forfeited Land Stock; Amount Received in Military Land Strip; Fees; Remarks. Two series: Austin receipts, 1-52, May 18, 1868 - July 14, 1873; Eureka receipts 1-18, September 23, 1875 - May 12 1879. Eureka series transcribed and continued in "REGISTER OF FINAL HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS" (item 160).

"REGISTER OF FINAL HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS". 1875-1893. 1 vol.

430 cu. ins.

160

". . . issued by the Receiver of Public Moneys at Eureka. . ."
Not indexed. Arranged numerically by receipt number. Column
Headings (double pages): Number of Receipt; Date of Receipt; Tract
Entered (Section or Part of Section, No. of Section, No. of Town-
ship, No. of Range); Area; Name of Applicant; Residence; No. of
Original Application; Commissions; Price per Acre; Remarks. Receipts
1-137, September 23, 1875 - July 15, 1893. Record originally begun
in REGISTER OF HOMESTEAD RECEIPTS (item 159). See also item 158.

ABSTRACT OF HOMESTEAD "DECLARATORY STATEMENTS." 1879-1891.

1 vol. 430 cu. ins.

161

"On lands which have/have not been offered at public sale under
the President's Proclamation." Homestead and Soldier's Homestead
entries. Not indexed. Arranged numerically by Declaratory State-
ment number. Column Headings: No. of Statement Filed; Date of
Settlement; Date When Filed; Name; Description; Section, Township,
Range; Remarks. Volume 1, also numbered 195, DS#360-419, November
15, 1879 - February 10, 1891. Also contains ABSTRACT OF RESERVOIR
SITE "DECLARATORY STATEMENTS" (Carson City), see item 138.

"ABSTRACT (OF) DESERT LAND ENTRIES." 1877-1893. 1 vol. 200 cu. ins.

Acts of March 3, 1877, and March 3, 1891, ". . . to provide for
the sale of desert lands in certain States and Territories." Not
indexed. Arranged numerically by certificate number. Column Head-
ings (double pages): When Entered; Number of Certificate; By Whom
Entered (Name, Residence); Tract Entered (Section, or Part of Section,
No. of Section, No. of Township, No. of Range); Quantity (area);
Price per Acre; Purchase Money (total price); Amount Received;
Amount Due on Making Final Proof; GLO Tract Book (Volume, Folio).
Volume 1, also numbered 187, certificates 1-252, April 25, 1877 -
May 3, 1893. Notations continue to 1908.

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REGISTER OF FINAL DESERT LAND RECEIPTS. 1878-1891. 1 vol.

325 cu. ins.

163

Act of March 3, 1877. Not indexed. Arranged numerically by
final receipt number. Column Headings (double pages): Final
Receipt (Number, Date); By Whom Entered (Name, Residence); Tract
Entered (Section, or Part of Section, No. of Township, No. of Range);
Quantity (area); Price per Acre; Purchase Money (total cost);
Original Payment at 25 Cents per Acre; Final Payment at \$1 per Acre;
Number of Original Declaration; GLO Tract Book (Volume, Folio).
Volume numbered 186; receipts 1-46, June 20, 1878 - May 6, 1891.

MISCELLANEOUS LAND ENTRY PAPERS. 1858-1893. 145 cu. ins.

Loose; unarranged. Declaratory Statements, Naturalization papers, correspondence, administrative papers, contest papers, and abstracts of title.

164

NEVADA STATE OFFICE, RENO:

NEVADA LAND OFFICE.

The Nevada Land Office in Reno was established in 1949, when the Carson City office closed and transferred its records. Reno assumed responsibility for both land and survey records, and was known as the Nevada Land and Survey Office until 1954. Despite the change to the present name survey records are still maintained by this office, though the actual surveying is done by the State Office's Division of Engineering. The organization thus differs from that in Sacramento, where the Branch of Cadastral Surveys maintains its own records (items 37-43).

Official Plats of Survey (items 166-175): Plats are drawings developed from official survey notes. They are visual representations of lines surveyed, established, retracted, or resurveyed, and they also show the direction and length of each line, the relationship to adjoining surveys, and the boundaries, description and area of each parcel of land subdivided. The plats are certified by the preparing officers and approved by authorized administrative officers.

Three official plats of survey are generally maintained: the original, filed in the field survey office of the Bureau from which the survey originated; the official duplicate, filed in the Central Office in Washington, D. C.; and the official triplicate, the public reference copy usually bound in books and known as the "triplicate original", filed in the land office for the State in which the survey was made. There are many types of survey, and the plats described in this inventory represent a few of them.

The basic system of land division, known as the "rectangular system", was prescribed by the Ordinance of 1785, which directed that townships be six miles square and contain thirty-six sections of one mile square. The Act of May 18, 1796, prescribed the order of numbering sections, beginning with number one in the northeast corner, proceeding West and East alternately through the township, with number thirty-six in the southeast corner. Later laws provided for the division of sections into halves (320 acres), quarters (160 acres, eventually to be the basic homestead unit), quarter-quarters (40 acres), and lots. Townships are either north or south of a base line, and in Ranges (one Township, or six miles, in width) either east or west of a meridian. Nevada is measured entirely from the Mount Diablo Meridian (MDM), California, and the Mount Diablo Base Line. The Nevada Ranges are 18 through 71 East, MDM, with South Townships beginning only at Range 32, that being the point where the Mount Diablo Base Line intersects the Nevada State Line. All references to land areas use this system, going from the smallest to the largest unit. Reno was founded in Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 19 East, Mount Diablo Meridian (Sec. 11, T19N, R19E, MDM).

The plats listed here originated in the Office of the U. S. Surveyor General (see items 78-79), were passed on to the Nevada Land Office, and were retired to this Center in 1963 and 1966 after the completion of the Records Improvement Project in Nevada.

Land Entry Serial Case Files (items 180 and 181): For description of function, see explanation to California files, pages 16-17. No Nevada case files were retired to this Center before 1958. All of them have therefore been received from the Nevada Land Office in Reno. As with California, closed case files are retired once a year and consist of several accessions per series, each accession containing files started in the early part of this century as well as ones of recent origin. The Reno indexes must similarly be consulted by those wishing to use the files.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1935-1966. 12 ft.

7 feet coded (1942-1966); 5 feet (1935-1963) arranged alphabetically by subject. Contains some range management and cooperation case files, some trespass (grazing, timber and fire) case files, and grazing advisory board minutes and election records.

165

COPIES OF STATE BOUNDARY SURVEY PLATS. 1857-1952. 1 ft.

California (west boundary) and Utah (east boundary). Photo-stats of plats from other survey jurisdictions adjoining Nevada. Arranged by township and range.

166

EXTERIOR BOUNDARY SURVEY PLATS. 1861-1914. 8 ft.

These are surveys of lines and areas upon which later and more detailed surveys are based. They include surveys of principal meridians and base lines, State boundaries, military and Indian reservations, and the areas known as "groups", which are subdivided into Townships for more detailed surveys. Size varies from 7 to 72 inches in the vertical, and 9 to 66 inches in the horizontal; some are immense - up to fifty square feet. Two bundles; unarranged; many folded. On the back of each plat, in blue pencil, is the contract number ("con"); earliest contracts lettered A-K, then 1-ca. 272. On the front, stamped, are the numbers 10, 301-10, 636. Plats certified after 1910 also have a group number; groups 1-18. The first surveys were done under the authority of the U. S. Surveyor General of California. A few tracings are included, numbered in the 11,000 series.

167

ORIGINAL TOWNSHIP SURVEY PLATS. 1862-1962. 120 ft.

Loose; usually three or more plats per Township; 19x24 inches or a little smaller. Arranged by Township and Range and numbered consecutively, 0001-3358. See item 169.

168

"TRIPLICATE ORIGINAL" TOWNSHIP SURVEY PLATS. 1861-1962.

81 vols. 49 ft.

Bound public reference copies. Arranged by Township and Range. Heavily annotated. A few of the earlier plats are approved by the U. S. Surveyor General of California. Sizes 18x22, 19x25, and 20x25 inches. See item 168.

169

ORIGINAL MINERAL SURVEY PLATS. 1867-1962. 95 ft.

Loose; usually one plat per claim. Sizes 12x18 or 13x18 inches, though some are considerably larger. Numbered consecutively: On back in blue pencil, 1-4868; on front, stamped, 20,001-20,999. (1-986) and 201,000-204,972 (987-4805); 4806-4868 do not have front series numbers. See item 171 and index, item 121.

170

NEGATIVES OF ORIGINAL MINERAL SURVEY PLATS. 1867-1962. 12 ft.

Vandyke (cloth) and acetate film negatives of the plats described in item 170. Numbers 1-4799 only. See index, item 121.

171

- COPIES OF INDIAN RESERVATION SURVEY PLATS. 1861-1935. 1 vol.
780 cu. ins. 172
Not bound; mostly duplicates and tracings; unarranged. Size
20x26 inches.
- ORIGINAL NATIONAL FOREST HOMESTEAD ENTRY SURVEY PLATS. 173
1911-1921. 3 ft.
Plats of survey for homesteads within the boundaries of
national forests. Loose. Homestead entry survey numbers 37-238,
with omissions; numbered and arranged consecutively, 10,001-
10,170. See item 174.
- "TRIPLICATE ORIGINAL" NATIONAL FOREST HOMESTEAD ENTRY SURVEY PLATS. 174
1910-1930. 5 vols. 2 ft.
Bound by national forest and in numerical order by homestead
entry survey number (HES#). Size 20x26 inches. Volumes 1 and 2,
Humbolt, HES#39-238; volumes 3 and 4, Toiyabe, HES#43-222; Volume
5, Nevada, HES#49-200. See item 173.
- FARM UNIT DIAGRAMS. 1900-1930. 1 ft. 175
Truckee-Carson Project - Bureau of Reclamation maps. Author-
ized 14 Mar 1905 under the Newlands Act of 1902. Two bundles;
loose; unarranged. Size 20x25 inches.
- MINERAL SURVEY CASE FILES. 1932-1966. 2 ft. 176
Each case file contains the record for the specific mineral
survey of a claim, consisting of application, location certificate,
order for mineral survey, preliminary plat of survey, final
certificate of field notes, notice of survey approval, correspond-
ence, reports, and other related papers. Filed in numerical order;
MS#4636-4879, with omissions. In envelopes or folders, 10x15
inches. See index, item 121.
- MINERAL SURVEY "CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS." 1912-1948. 177
1 vol. 450 cu. ins.
". . . Forwarded to General Land Office." Originally a record
of the U.S. Surveyor General. Carson City assumed. Not indexed.
Arranged in numerical order by office number. Column Headings:
Mineral Survey Number; Certificate Number; Date; Office Number;
Depository; Applicant; Remarks; Lode; Depositor; Refunds; Amount.
Volume numbered 199, MS#4068-4809, with a few numbers prior to
4068 (usually additional deposits). See index item 121.

- "PATENT RECORD." 1914-1953. 1 vol. 360 cu. ins. 178
A listing of patents issued in Nevada. Not indexed. Lists: County; patent number; type of patent; month; year. Volume numbered 193. Entries follow no consistent pattern of arrangement.
- SCHEDULES OF LAND ENTRY SERIAL NUMBERS. 1948-1954. 179
3 vols. 460 cu. ins.
Not indexed. Arranged in numerical order by date. Information given varies, but includes: Name of entryman; land entry serial number; type of entry; receipt number; amount collected. Some equivalencies between old and new numbers shown. Series incomplete: Volume 216, December 1, 1948 - August 11, 1950; volume 217, May 1, 1951 - January 26, 1953; volume 218, November 3, 1953 - April 1, 1954. See item 181.
- PATENTED LAND ENTRY SERIAL CASE FILES. 1964-1967. 27 ft. 180
Cases closed 1964-1967. For all types of land entry. Arranged by fiscal year and patent number. Earlier patented case files are in the National Archives in Washington.
- UNPATENTED LAND ENTRY SERIAL CASE FILES. 1881-1968. 559 ft. 181
Three separate series: CC (Carson City), 1 through 025,309, closed August 26, 1949; Nev, (Nevada), 1 though 067,475, closed June 30, 1966; and N (Nevada), started July 1, 1966. Individual accessions are arranged in numerical order by prefix ("CC" followed by "Nev" and "N"); numbers assigned by date and time of official filing. The key to the codes which follow the item headings parenthetically is found in Appendix "A", page 54. A partial schedule for the years 1948-1954 is found in item 179.
- Homestead (1.0). 1916-1967. 4 ft.
- Desert Land (2.0). 1947-1967. 45 ft.
- Public Sales (3.0). 1945-1967. 4 ft.
- Mineral (4.0). 1951-1968. 2 ft. See index, item 121.
- Selections (6.0). 1960-1967. 2 ft.
- Exchanges (7.0). 1943-1967. 4 ft.
- Other Land Title Transfers (8.0). 1930-1968. 13 ft.
Includes "Pittman" entries, a type of desert land entry peculiar to Nevada alone.

Small Tract (9.0). 1943-1967. 36 ft.

Includes Small Tract Classification Orders ("CO's").

Other Non-Mineral Leases (11.0). 1940-1967. 1200 cu. ins.

Oil and Gas (12.0 through 14.0). 1943-1968. 82 ft.

Other Mineral Permits and Leases (15.0). 1949-1967. 3 ft.

Includes coal, potassium, phosphate, sodium and hardrock.

Rights-Of-Way (17.0). 1881-1967. 66 ft.

Though case file numbers date only from 1908, there are many older maps in these files. 57 feet are "proof of construction" field notes, maps and drawings, belonging to cases filed separately, for railroads, highways, power and other utility lines, etc. Some of the maps are fifty square feet in area.

Other Non-Mineral Permits ("Special Land Use Permits"; 20.0). 1947-1967. 3 ft.

Mineral Material Sales (22.1). 1964-1968. 725 cu. ins.

Withdrawals and Reservations (23.1); Revocations and Restorations (23.2). 1951-1968. 2 ft. Mixed.

Recreation and Public Purposes Sales (26.0); Recreation and Public Purposes Leases (33.0). 1954-1967. 3 ft. Mixed.

Surface Management (27.1 and 27.2). 1958-1965. 2 ft.

Public Laws 357, 359 and 585 (28.0). 1959-1962. 295 cu. ins.

Other Compliance (40.0). 1960-1965. 140 cu. ins.

Other Land Entry. 1919-1961. 287 ft.

All types mixed; in numerical order. Separation of case files by type did not begin until 1962.

CONTEST CASE FILES. 1930-1967. 18 ft. Numerical (chronological) order. Represents only a small number of the cases relating to contests in Nevada, since the investigative function was under the control of the San Francisco office until 1953. (See page 10 for definition of "contest".) Other contest case files are to be

found in items 19-28 and 51-55. Most of the cases in this item are mineral determinations. Several series: (1). Davis Dam Project, all mineral, 1942-1962, 4 ft. (2). Military reservation projects, mostly mineral, 1930-1955, 10 ft., composed of 9 feet mixed military (Las Vegas Aerial Gunnery Range; Tonopah Bombing Range; Reno Air Base Hearing and Contest; Nellis Air Force Base and Addition; McCarran Field Gunnery Range; Black Rock Desert Bombing Range, with index), and less than one foot of non-military types (Davis Dam Project, Colorado River Cases, and Miscellaneous). (3). Mineral cases, 1953-1967, 4 ft., in numerical order by mineral reference number, MRN 000004-000362. The "Pyramid Lake Indian-White Settler Controversy" case file (1930-1938) is of special interest.

182

GRAZING PERMIT AND LICENSE CASE FILES. 1931-1966. 5 ft.

For all Nevada. Appeals, hearings and withdrawn cases. Filed alphabetically by name (four feet), or by grazing district and file number (one foot). See item 59 for description.

183

DISTRICT PROGRESS REPORTS. 1958-1963. 295 cu. ins.

184

Arranged by district. For the six Nevada grazing districts. The reports are abstracts from dependent property surveys, which are range studies done to apportion grazing privileges to stockholders (also known as "Range Adjudication Surveys").

GRAZING DISTRICT BOUNDARY RECORDS. 1932-1946. 1 ft.

Coded correspondence files relating to the establishment and modification of the exterior boundaries of grazing districts.

185

RANGE MANAGEMENT STUDIES. 1941-1963. 1 ft.

186

Studies and investigative surveys of specific land areas which include such data as the assessed value, cost of improvements, grazing rents, taxes, and per animal month unit of forage (AUM). The data are used to establish or modify grazing fees, and to plan other range management activities. Mainly general correspondence, with a few case files.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT AND SOIL AND MOISTURE CONSERVATION CASE FILES.

1951-1962. 1 ft.

187

Arranged by case number. See item 60 for description.

DISTRICT OFFICES.

After the passage of the Taylor Grazing Act in 1934 a number of District Grazing Offices and District Forest Offices were established. There were six grazing districts in Nevada: Winnemucca, established October 18, 1935; Elso, April 8, 1936; Carson City, Ely and Las Vegas, November 3, 1936; Battle Mountain, February 15, 1951. In 1954 they were all designated "District Offices" because they exercise land office responsibilities as well as range and forest management ones.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

- PLANS AND REPORTS. 1954-1964. 1450 cu. ins. 188
Work and program plans, and progress reports for all activities of the office. Unarranged.
- GRAZING PERMIT AND LICENSE CASE FILES. 1951-1966. 600 cu. ins. 189
Appeals; arranged alphabetically by name of appellant. See item 59 for description.

ELKO DISTRICT OFFICE.

For earlier Elko records, see items 143-149.

- GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1939-1947; 1955-1957. 2 ft. 190
Correspondence; reports; employment, training, and fire program files; case files. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
- DAILY WORK REPORTS. 1951. 80 cu. ins. 191
4x7 slips arranged chronologically by name. See item 45 for description.
- GRAZING PERMIT AND LICENSE CASE FILES. 1935-1952. 14 ft. 192
Filed alphabetically by name. For Elko Grazing District (N-1). See item 59 for description.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT AND SOIL AND MOISTURE CONSERVATION CASE FILES.
1937-1961. 2 ft. 193
Arranged by case number. See item 60 for description.

MISCELLANEOUS GRAZING AND RANGE MANAGEMENT FILES. 1938-1956.
1 ft. 194
Grazing Advisory Board records relating chiefly to elections
of local board officials; range management studies (see descrip-
tion, item 186); and range management program planning files.
Filed alphabetically by subject without regard for type of record.

ELY DISTRICT OFFICE.

GRAZING AND RANGE MANAGEMENT FILES. 1936-1942. 450 cu. ins.
Grazing Advisory Board minutes, 1937-1961; dependent property
surveys, 1940-1941 (see item 184); grazing district boundary 195
records, 1936-1961 (see item 185); range management studies,
1949-1961 (see item 186); range management program planning files,
1937-1962; range improvement and soil and moisture conservation
case files, 1940-1960 (see item 60). Unarranged.

WINNEMUCCA DISTRICT OFFICE.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE. 1936-1966. 2 ft.
Chronological order within subjects. Coded correspondence
files, mostly relating to grazing and range management. Studies, 196
reports, budgetary files, regional commission records (cooperation
with other Federal and State agencies), building contracts and
plans, and one file on policy and administration of the wild horse
program (1939-1960).

GRAZING PERMIT AND LICENSE CASE FILES. 1935-1967. 19 ft. 197
Applications (17 ft., 1935-1967) and appeals (2 ft., 1941-1966);
filed alphabetically by name. See item 59 for description.

RANGE ADJUDICATION SURVEYS. 1936-1964. 1 ft. 198
Arranged alphabetically by name of unit. See item 184 for
description.

MINUTES OF GRAZING BOARD MEETINGS. 1943-1965.

450 cu. ins.

In chronological order. Grazing advisory board members are elected from stockholders in the district to administer the provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act (1934) under the advice of Bureau officials.

APPENDIX "A"

The Bureau uses a reporting system which classifies types of unpatented entry under several headings. A simplified version appears below for the types included in this inventory, (items 50 and 181) which have been listed in order by type number. By reference to the type number which follows the item heading parenthetically, the reader can determine in what category a particular series falls:

MINERAL

- A. TITLE TRANSFERS
 - 4.0 Mineral Entries
 - Conflicts and Classifications
- B. TOTAL TITLE TRANSFERS
(Permits and Leases)
 - 12.0 through 14.0 Oil and Gas
 - 15.0 Other Permits and Leases
 - 22.1 Mineral Material Sales
- C. TOTAL PERMITS AND LEASES
(Non-reimbursable Investigations)
 - 25.2 Mineral Trespass
 - 27.1 Surface Management
(BLM and Other)
 - 27.2 Surface Management
(Forest Service)
 - 28.0 P.L. 357, 359, 585 cases
 - 40.0 Other Compliance

LAND

- A. TITLE. TRANSFERS
 - 1.0 Homestead
 - 2.0 Desert Land
 - 3.0 Public Sale
 - 6.0 Selections
 - 7.0 Exchanges
 - 8.0 Other Land Title
 - 9.0 Small Tracts
 - 26.0 Recreation and Public Purposes Sales
- B. TOTAL TITLE TRANSFERS
(Permits and Leases)
 - 11.0 Other Non-mineral Leases
 - 17.0 Rights-of-Way
 - 20.0 Other Non-mineral Permits
 - 22.2 Non-mineral Material Sales
 - 33.0 Recreation and Public Purposes Leases
- D. TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS
(Other Tenure Actions)
 - 23.1 Withdrawals and Reservations
 - 23.2 Revocations and Restorations

APPENDIX "B"

U.S. SURVEYORS GENERAL - CALIFORNIA

**Date of
Appointment**

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 12 Mar. 1851 | Samuel D. King |
| 17 Mar. 1853 | John C. Hays |
| 13 Jul. 1857 | James W. Mandeville |
| 15 Apr. 1861 | Edward F. Beale |
| 23 Feb. 1864 | Lauren Upson |
| 20 Apr. 1868 | Minard H. Farley |
| 1 Jul. 1868 | Andrew J. Moulder |
| 18 Jul. 1868 | Sherman Day |
| 16 Jan. 1871 | James R. Hardenburgh (or Hardenbergh) |
| 19 Dec. 1873 | James Thompson Stratton |
| 12 Jan. 1876 | Henry George Rollins |
| 27 Sep. 1877 | John W. Ames |
| 22 May 1878 | Theodore Wagner |
| 22 May 1882 | William H. Brown |
| 20 Nov. 1885 | Richard P. Hammond, Jr. |
| 4 Mar. 1890 | William H. Pratt |
| 24 Mar. 1894 | William S. Green |
| 24 Mar. 1898 | James M. Gleaves |
| 9 Jan. 1902 | William S. Graham |
| 7 Mar. 1910 | Edward H. Archer |
| 1 Mar. 1914 | Frank H. Gould |
| 21 Mar. 1918 | Louis H. Mooser |
| 15 Oct. 1921 | John Plover |

Office Abolished 1 July 1925

Papers relating to most of these office-holders, as well as to unsuccessful applicants, are found among the Department of the Interior's appointment papers now in the National Archives in Washington. The series was microfilmed in 1968, and is indexed in, "Interior Department Appointment Papers: State of California, 1849-1907." (National Archives Microfilm Publications, Pamphlet Accompanying Microcopy No. 732; Washington: National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1968). 29 rools. Pamphlet, 26 pages.

APPENDIX "C"

REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS - BENECIA TO SAN FRANCISCO

Benecia established 30 Mar. 1853

Moved to San Francisco 3 Nov. 1857

Acquired Los Angeles 26 Apr. 1865 - 21 Sep. 1869

Office and records destroyed by earthquake and fire 18 Apr. 1906

Temporarily located in Oakland 1 May 1906 - 30 Apr. 1911

Consolidated with Sacramento 1 Jul. 1927

| Date of Appointment | Register | Date of Appointment | Receiver |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 26 Mar 1853 | William W. Gift | 26 Mar 1853 | Charles Loring |
| 15 Jun 1858 | Ira Munson | 4 Aug 1854 | Paschal Bequette |
| 9 Apr 1861 | George B. Tingley | 9 Apr 1861 | Royal H. Waller |
| 23 Dec 1862 | James M. Rosse | 25 May 1863 | Ralph L. Dorr |
| 23 Feb 1864 | John F. Swift | 23 Feb 1864 | James W. Shanklin |
| 23 Jul 1866 | James W. Shanklin | 23 Jul 1866 | Charles Henry Chamberlain |
| 16 Apr 1869 | Henry George Rollins | 10 Oct 1885 | John W. Leigh |
| 12 Jan 1876 | William R. Wheaton | 15 May 1890 | Thomas B. Shannon |
| 3 Aug 1886 | Abraham C. Bradford | 18 Jul 1894 | Edward Hackett |
| 27 May 1890 | John F. Sheehan | 4 Aug 1898 | Sargent S. Morton |
| 18 Jul 1894 | John P. Dunn | 14 Nov 1907 | George Stone |
| 4 Aug 1898 | Aaron B. Hunt | 15 Feb 1910 | John J. Deane |
| 10 May 1906 | Truman G. Daniells | 31 Jul 1914 | Mrs. Grace B. Caukin |
| 1 Sep 1914 | John B. Sanford | 16 Jul 1920 | Mrs. Genevieve D. Reid |
| 31 Dec 1921 | Mrs. Lida M. Hume | 9 Sep 1921 | Mrs. Hattie Jewell Anderson |

Office abolished 30 Jun 1925

Acting Register

8 Jul 1925 Edmund Robinson

See note on microfilmed appointment papers, page 54, which applies to the office-holders listed here.

APPENDIX "D"

U.S. SURVEYORS GENERAL - NEVADA

Date of Appointment

27 Mar 1861

John W. North

Office closed 17 Jul 1862

20 Oct 1866

William B. Thornburgh

29 Mar 1867

Anson P. K. Safford

21 Apr 1869

Edmund Smith Davis

3 Mar 1883

Christopher C. Powning

12 Nov 1886

Charles W. Irish

15 Apr 1890

George F. Turrittin

8 Aug 1894

Clayton Belknap

21 Jul 1898

Matthew Kyle

14 Oct 1914

John B. O'Sullivan

13 Aug 1921

Joseph E. Gelder

Office abolished 1 Jul 1925

The Interior Department Appointment Papers for Nevada have not been scheduled for microfilming before the end of Fiscal Year 1970.

APPENDIX "E"

REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS - NEVADA

CARSON CITY

Established 1 Mar 1864

Acquired Nevada portion of Aurora 27 Feb 1873

Acquired Eureka 1 Mar 1894

Acquired Elko 30 Jun 1927

| Date of Appointment | Register | Date of Appointment | Receiver |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| 17 Jul 1862 | Clement T. Rice | 10 Sep 1862 | Chauncey N. Noteware |
| 22 Jun 1864 | Warren T. Lockhart | 17 Mar 1865 | David L. Gregg |
| 5 Apr 1869 | H. F. Rice | 22 Nov 1865 | Robert M. Clark |
| 23 Jun 1869 | Francis D. Todd | 5 Apr 1869 | Samuel C. Wright |
| 15 Jan 1872 | Adolphus Waitz | 11 Apr 1886 | Edmund James |
| 1 Jun 1876 | Charles N. Harris | 15 Apr 1890 | George C. Thaxter |
| 16 Jun 1880 | Charles A. Witherell | 9 Sep 1891 | Willis G. Clarke |
| 3 Jul 1886 | W. E. Copeland | 12 Apr 1894 | David H. Hall |
| 1 Nov 1886 | Oliver H. Gallup | 21 Mar 1906 | Earl W. Tremont |
| 21 Mar 1906 | Louis J. Cohn | 29 May 1914 | Edmund James |
| 3 Sep 1914 | Shober J. Rogers | 27 Jun 1918 | Adelbert B. Gray |
| 18 Aug 1919 | Mrs. Minnie L. Bray | 10 May 1921 | Harry R. Grier |
| 8 Jun 1923 | Miss Clara M. Crisler | | |
| 1 Mar 1934 | Mary G. Rose | | |
| 9 Oct 1935 | Gladys E. Huyck | | |
| 8 Jul 1940 | Carrie H. Malone | | |
| 18 Jan 1943 | Rose L. Day | | |
| | | | Office abolished 30 Jun 1925 |
| | | | Acting Register |
| | | 8 Jul 1925 | Elizabeth M. Ryan |
| | | 1 Feb 1946 | Edna M. Fettic |
| | Register designated | | |
| | Manager 16 Jul 1946 | | |

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AURORA

Established 24 Aug 1868

Nevada portion consolidated with Carson City 27 Feb 1873

California portion consolidated with Independence 27 Feb 1873

| Date of Appointment | Register | Date of Appointment | Receiver |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 25 Jul 1868 | E F Mitchell | 25 Jul 1868 | Warren Ackley |
| 21 Apr 1869 | Wilson Butler | 22 Aug 1870 | Samuel Young |
| | | 25 Oct 1870 | Timothy W Dexter |

AUSTIN to EUREKA

Austin established 15 Oct 1867

Moved to Eureka 26 May 1873

Acquired Elko and Pioche 14 Sep 1877

Consolidated with Carson City 1 Mar 1894

| Date of Appointment | Register | Date of Appointment | Receiver |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 19 Jun 1867 | Edmund Smith Davis | 19 Jun 1867 | Jefferson J Works |
| 14 Jul 1869 | George T Terry | 14 Jun 1878 | Harvey Carpenter |
| 8 Jan 1872 | Alfred E Shannon | 27 Jan 1886 | William O Mills |
| 13 Jan 1873 | Cyrus F Horn | 30 Sep 1889 | Watson E Griffin |
| 7 Jan 1875 | Daniel B Immel | | |
| 3 Mar 1879 | Thomas Robinson | | |
| 28 Apr 1879 | James McMartin | | |
| 14 Jul 1880 | Fred H Hinckley | | |
| 26 Jul 1886 | David H Hall | | |
| 26 Jul 1890 | John P Dunkle | | |
| 6 May 1893 | David H Hall | | |

BELMONT to PIOCHE

Belmont established 22 Dec 1869
 Moved to Pioche 30 Apr 1874
 Consolidated with Eureka 14 Sep 1877

| Date of Appointment | Register | Date of Appointment | Receiver |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 23 Jul 1868 | Robert Miller | 23 Jul 1868 | J G Riddle |
| 5 Apr 1869 | Samuel Tallman | 5 Apr 1869 | Edward Vollmer |
| 8 Jun 1872 | William N Granger | 15 Jan 1872 | Edward P Sine |
| 20 Feb 1874 | J C Foster | 20 Feb 1874 | James W Wright |

ELKO

Established 1 May 1872 ("Old Elko").
 Consolidated with Eureka 14 Sep 1877
 Elko re-established 1 Jan 1914
 Consolidated with Carson City 1 Jul 1927

| Date of Appointment | Register | Date of Appointment | Receiver |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Apr 1872 | John S Mayhugh | 2 Apr 1872 | M P Freeman |
| | | 18 Dec 1873 | William M Stafford |
| 1 Jan 1914 | John E Robbins | 1 Jan 1914 | Ashley G Dawley |
| 18 Feb 1922 | Eber Melvin Steininger | 1 Apr 1919 | Mrs Lulu Hurley |
| 16 May 1923 | George B Russell | | |

Office abolished 31 Jul 1922

Acting Register

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sep 1922 | Miss Anna C Kane |
| 23 Apr 1923 | Miss Jessie Riley |

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